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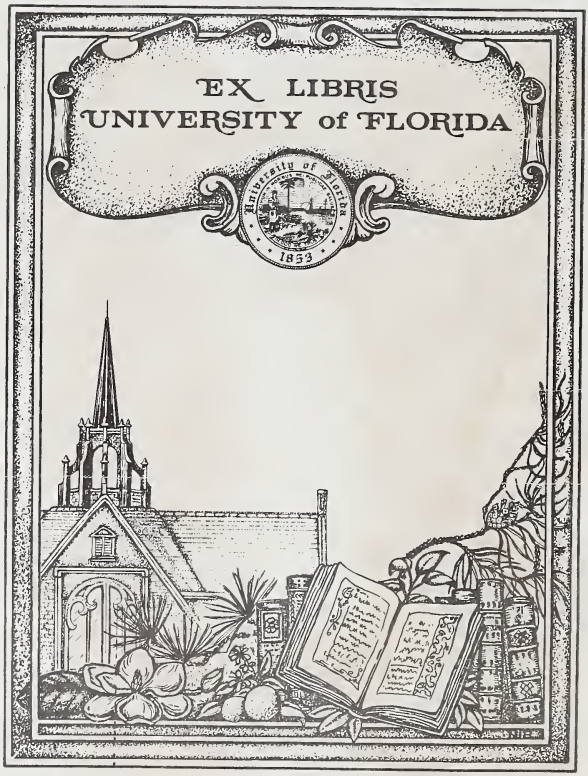
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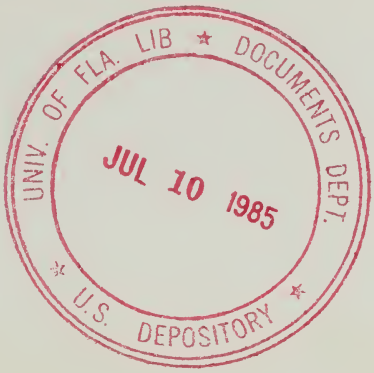
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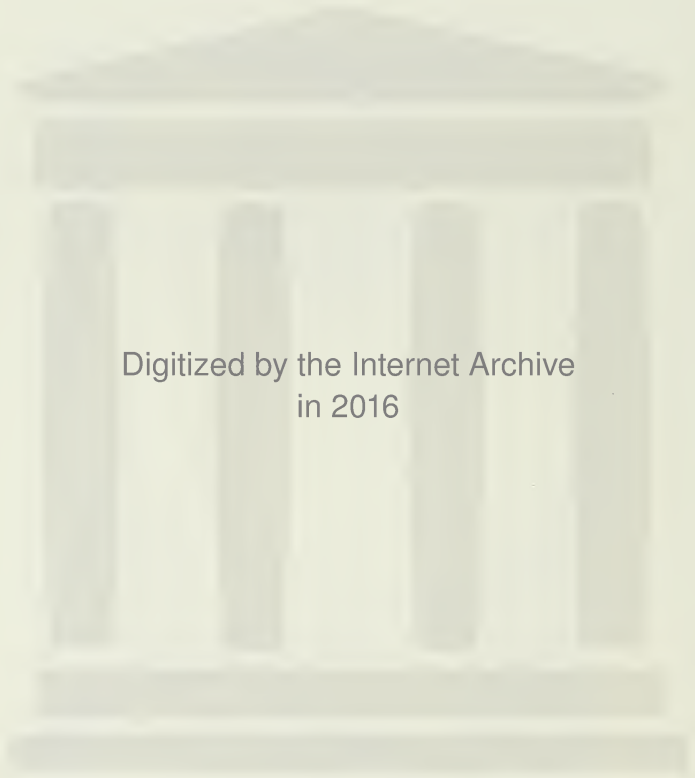
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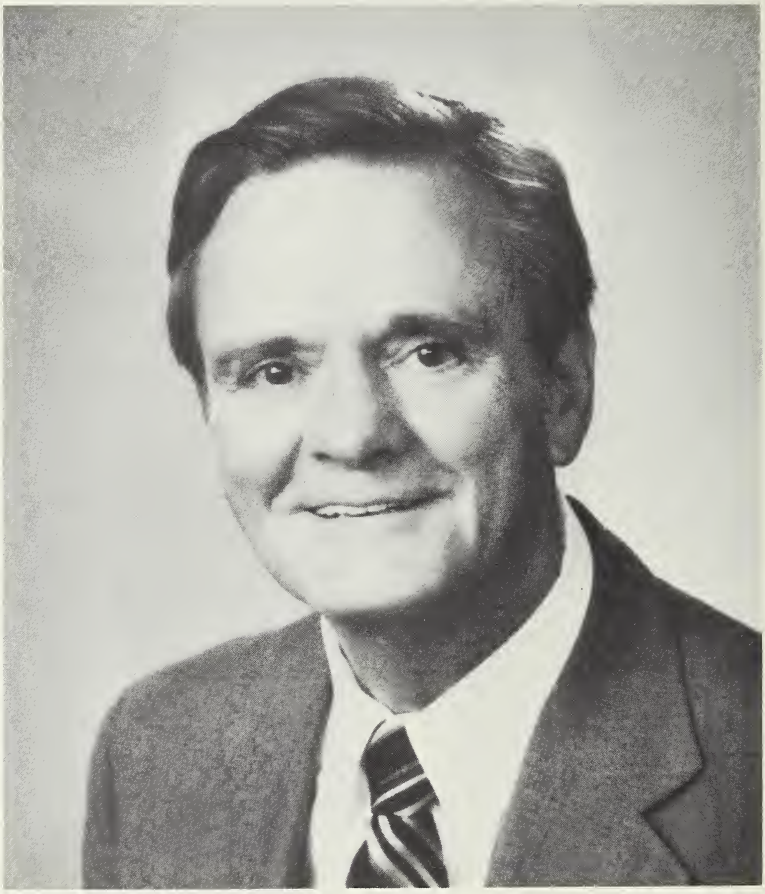

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Biography

Gillis William Long (cousin of Huey Pierce Long and of Rose McConnell Long, cousin of Russell Billiu Long, and cousin of George Shannon Long), born in Winnfield, Winn Parish, LA, May 4, 1923; attended the public schools of Winnfield and Alexandria, LA; Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, B.A., 1949 and from the law school of the same university, J.D., 1951; was admitted to practice before the State supreme court in 1951 and before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1954; during World War II served in the Infantry as a private and rose through the ranks to captain; participated in five campaigns in the European Theater; awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action; was with the Internal Security Detachment at the Nuremberg war trials; served as legal counsel to the Senate Select Committee on Small Business, 1951–1952; chief counsel to the House of Representatives Special Committee on Campaign Expenditures, 1952–1954, and 1956; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-eighth Congress (January 3, 1963–January 3, 1965); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1964 to the Eighty-ninth Congress; unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Louisiana in 1963 and in 1971; assistant director, Office of Economic Opportunity, 1965–1966; resumed the practice of law specializing in corporate, financial, and administrative law, 1970–1972; president, board of commissioners, Louisiana Deep Draft Harbor and Terminal Authority, 1972; investment banker; catfish and soybean farmer; delegate to the Democratic National Convention, 1964; elected to the Ninety-third Congress, November 7, 1972; reelected to the six succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1973, until his death in Washington, DC, January 20, 1985; interment in National Cemetery, Alexandria, LA.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOR

GILLIS W. LONG

Proceedings in the House

TUESDAY, *January 22, 1985.*

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

O gracious God, we remember with respect and appreciation Your servant, GILLIS LONG, and may the presence and hope and strength of Your spirit be with his family whose joy has been turned to mourning. We express our gratitude for his dedication to the work of this assembly, for his concern for the men and women he represented, and for his responsibility to the needs of our Nation. May his spirit of service to others continue to inspire us to use our talents and vocations in ways that glorify You, O God, and are a blessing to people everywhere. May Your peace, that passes all human understanding, be with his family and those he loved. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair lays before the House a message from the Senate on Senate Resolution 39.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Sparrow, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had agreed to the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 39

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable GILLIS LONG, late a Representative from the State of Louisiana.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate recesses today, it recess as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

Mr. BREAUX. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 29) on the death of the Honorable GILLIS W. LONG, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 29

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable GILLIS W. LONG, a Representative from the State of Louisiana.

Resolved, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Resolution 29, the House adjourned until Thursday, January 24, 1985, at 11 a.m. in memory of the late Honorable GILLIS W. LONG of Louisiana.

THURSDAY, *January 24, 1985.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that on Wednesday, January 23, 1985, pursuant to House Resolution 29 and the order of the House of January 22, 1985, the Speaker appointed as members of the funeral committee of the late GILLIS W. LONG the following Members of the House:

Mr. Breaux of Louisiana; Mr. O'Neill of Massachusetts; Mr. Wright of Texas; Mr. Foley of Washington; Mrs. Boggs of Louisiana; Mr. Moore of Louisiana; Mr. Huckaby of Louisiana; Mr. Livingston of Louisiana; Mr. Tauzin of Louisiana; Mr. Roemer of Louisiana; Mr. Brooks of Texas; Mr. Pepper of Florida; Mr. Roybal of California; Mr. Pickle of Texas; Mr. de la Garza of Texas; Mr. Bevill of Alabama; Mr. Alexander of Arkansas; Mr. Obey of Wisconsin; Mr. Mitchell of Maryland; Mr. Rangel of New York; Mr. Moakley of Massachusetts; Mr. Stark of California; Mr. Bedell of Iowa; Mr. Derrick of South Carolina; Mr. Hefner of North Carolina; Mr. Mineta of California; Mr. Wirth of Colorado; Mr. Lundine of New York; Mr. Bonior of Michigan; Mr. Dicks of Washington; Mr. Flippo of Alabama; Mr. Gephardt of Missouri; Mr. Glickman of Kansas; Ms. Oakar of Ohio; Mr. Walgren of Pennsylvania; Mr. Watkins of Oklahoma; Mr. Weiss of New York; Mr. Coelho of California; Mr. Frost of Texas; Mr. Gray of Pennsylvania; Mr. Hall of Ohio; Mr. Lowry of Washington; Mr. Sabo of Minnesota; Mr. Frank of Massachusetts; Mr. Hertel of Michigan; Mr. Schumer of New York; Mr. Hoyer of Maryland; Mr. Carr of Michigan; Mr. Andrews of Texas; Mr. Durbin of Illinois; Mr. Levin of Michigan; Mr. Levine of California; Mr. MacKay of Florida; Mr. Mollohan of West Virginia; Mr. Rowland of Georgia; Mr. Sisisky of Virginia; Mr. Slattery of Kansas; Mr. Smith of Florida; Mr. Wheat of Missouri; Mrs. Burton of California; Mr. Gray of Illinois; and Mr. Fauntroy of the District of Columbia.

Mr. BREAUX. Mr. Speaker, I remember quite well when GILLIS LONG first came to this body for his second term as a Member of the House of Representatives, back in 1973. I remember at that time sitting here in this Chamber with GILLIS. He had just come off of a very difficult and very trying 2-year race for Governor in the State of Louisiana. That race was like only Louisiana can have a Governor's race, it was excruciatingly difficult and very long.

GILLIS had run third and had just barely missed the runoff back in 1972. It was GILLIS' second attempt at that time to seek the governorship of the State of Louisiana.

In talking to GILLIS LONG on the floor of this Chamber back in 1973 I remember very distinctly the words that GILLIS told me. He said that he was disappointed in not having been elected, as you can imagine, to the governorship after having tried

for the second time. He told me that he was coming to Washington and looked forward to serving, but that he was going to serve in a quiet way and would hope that he would be able to do so without a lot of fanfare and that he was going to do so without anyone noticing that he was here in the Congress.

I think he said that at that time because he was tired from an exhausting race. He indicated that he wanted to do his duty and to serve the Eighth Congressional District. He did not want to make waves.

Well, for all of you who know GILLIS and know the record that he has left in this Congress, we can honestly say that GILLIS was quiet and GILLIS wasn't noticed for approximately, maybe, 1 day.

He soon, I think, shook off that Governor's race and was appointed to the very powerful Rules Committee and threw himself into the service of that committee and into the service of this House and into the service of the people of the Eighth Congressional District with great enthusiasm as only GILLIS could bring to this job, to this position and this vocation which all of us serve.

Looking back on his service on the Rules Committee, many political observers made the comment to GILLIS at that time that he was making a very serious mistake in agreeing to serve on the Rules Committee because they looked back and remembered that his votes for the Rules Committee, back in 1963–64 contributed to his defeat to the Congress in 1965.

Many people at that time, in 1973, simply said, "Boy, is GILLIS LONG making a big mistake."

Little did we know what turn of events would happen. GILLIS went on to serve with great distinction on the Rules Committee and handled many times the most complicated rules that the Rules Committee ever reported out, with great skill.

We in Louisiana are going to remember GILLIS LONG not only for the complicated rules that he was able to get the Rules Committee to report to the Congress, but probably more often for the complicated rules that GILLIS was able to prevent from ever coming to the House floor because they were premature.

GILLIS LONG suffered severe heart problems which ultimately required a triple bypass. Many people would probably retire

to a rocking chair but GILLIS LONG instead decided to run for the chairmanship of our House Democratic caucus, a position that no one from Louisiana had ever held before. Again, old political observers back in Louisiana and elsewhere said, "Boy, is GILLIS LONG making a serious mistake."

Little did we know how wrong they were going to be again. His service as chairman of our caucus has made our party and our Government better. We all make many mistakes as we go through life, but I can assure you that it can never and will never be said of GILLIS LONG, that he ever made the mistake of not giving it everything that he had.

Politics was his chosen profession, and he carried it out with enthusiasm and distinction that can serve as a standard for all of us.

To his wife Cathy and their children Janis and George, we all offer them our greatest support in these very difficult times. Cathy especially formed a very unique partnership with GILLIS, both personally with great love and affection and also politically, as part of a very special team dedicated to serving this institution and the people of the Eighth Congressional District of Louisiana.

It is with great pleasure that we now hear that Cathy will now seek the office of our departed colleague, GILLIS LONG, and try to continue in that same distinctive service.

GILLIS LONG will be remembered by all of us here today, but his real achievement in life is that he will always be remembered by the people that he served so well.

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, 6 days ago Members of this House traveled to Alexandria, LA, to pay final respects to one of our most distinguished colleagues, GILLIS LONG.

Many of those making the sad journey to our State knew GILLIS LONG as an effective and respected legislator. Many knew him as the visionary chairman of the House Democratic caucus, and influential member of the powerful Rules Committee and the next chairman of the Joint Economic Committee.

Many of his colleagues in the House also knew GILLIS LONG as a courageous man willing to put the principles of equality and justice ahead of a political career.

His colleagues knew GILLIS LONG as all that and more.

I'm lucky enough to say I also knew GILLIS LONG as a friend. A friend who was ever ready to advise a green young col-

league. A friend always prepared to help in times of need. A friend willing to share the wealth of his experience and knowledge.

Now, I know there were times when GILLIS LONG and I disagreed on particular issues. We didn't always vote the same way here.

But that never bothered him. For he was wise enough to realize that true friendship cannot depend upon voting records or political opinion. He recognized that friendship is much stronger than the shifting sands of political concerns.

I was lucky to know GILLIS LONG as a friend. And we were all lucky that he devoted his life to the service of his district, his State, and his Nation.

A very smart man once said, "Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do."

That was GILLIS LONG. A public servant both knowing and willing, one who applied himself, one who accomplished so very much.

A newspaper said it well: "As this new Congress gathers, the Democrats will miss this Louisianian on their side of the House. His State and Nation will miss him more."

We'll all miss him. And we'll never forget him.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, it is hard to really do justice to GILLIS LONG's service in the Congress of the United States. I had the privilege of serving with GILLIS on the Rules Committee, of working with him in the Democratic caucus on a variety of projects.

GILLIS was a rare individual, an expert in procedure who also cared very deeply about substance. GILLIS' service on the Rules Committee simply cannot be replaced. GILLIS was an outstanding tactician for our committee and shaped much of what we did in that body, and all of us who continued to serve on that committee in our own way will try and fill the gap that GILLIS has left, but they are very large shoes to fill.

I was privileged to work with GILLIS in the Democratic caucus. GILLIS, in one of his first acts when he became chairman of the caucus, established the Committee on Party Effectiveness, made up of a number of Members of the House from various political persuasions and from various regions. It was this committee, meeting on a regular basis during the last 4 years, that helped in a small way to influence the shape of the

Democratic Party and the shape of the party within this House, not just for this year but perhaps for many, many years to come.

GILLIS' influence will be continued to be felt through the actions of those Members that he inspired to take part in the caucus, to think about substance, to think about where this party is going and to act on that.

I miss GILLIS very much, and I know that all of my colleagues, whether they agreed with GILLIS on individual pieces of legislation, or individual stands or not, feel the same way.

I think back to the last fight that GILLIS was involved in in the Rules Committee on behalf of his State and on behalf of his region, a fight that he won just this last fall that involved natural gas legislation that was harmful to Louisiana and to our part of the country.

GILLIS demonstrated his mastery of both procedure and substance in that last fight, and it is as the captain of that last fight that I will remember GILLIS LONG.

Mrs. BURTON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my colleague and friend, GILLIS LONG. He was a truly outstanding Member of the House of Representatives and will forever have a significant place in the history of this body.

GILLIS served in the 88th Congress with my husband, and I have known GILLIS and his wife, Cathy, for 21 years. Cathy and I have been involved with other congressional wives in numerous political activities, and I am very pleased that she will be running in the special election to replace her husband.

GILLIS remained a national Democrat in his stands on issues, even though it cost him his seat at one time in Congress early in his career.

As caucus chairman, he led efforts to use the talents and knowledge of Members of the House in developing Democratic Party stands on issues. He will be deeply missed by his colleagues and by his party. I extend my deepest sympathies to Cathy and his two wonderful children.

Mr. HORTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I join my colleagues today in paying tribute to a fellow Representative, a close personal friend, an outstanding Member of Congress, and a proud member of the distinguished Long family of Louisiana—GILLIS LONG.

GILLIS and I came to Congress in 1963. In addition to both of us beginning our congressional careers in the 88th Congress, we were both raised in Louisiana and proudly claim Louisiana State University as our alma mater. He was a good friend.

GILLIS was also a good friend to this institution. He served it and his Louisiana constituents with a strong sense of responsibility and commitment. His work on the Rules Committee is a testament to his dedication. He could be a formidable opponent on legislative issues, as well as a strong and valuable ally. His work and contribution to the betterment of this institution, and hence, our country, will not be forgotten.

To Cathy Long, Nancy joins me in offering our prayers during this difficult period. We can only say that his loss is one shared by many; his determined spirit touched the lives of many of us in this Congress and across the State of Louisiana and these United States. I am proud to have known him and to have counted him as both a trusted colleague and friend.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I remember the first time I ever met GILLIS. Dick Bolling used to have a group of Members with whom he would get together regularly in Otis Pike's office. Shortly after GILLIS was reelected to the Congress after he had been gone for some time, he came into the meeting with Dick and I had never heard of a GILLIS LONG. I had heard of Speedy Long, I had heard of Russell Long, Earl Long, but I had never heard of GILLIS. It took about an hour in that meeting for me to realize that GILLIS LONG was one tough cookie. He had a quality which is in very strong need in a political system which is called guts. I think throughout his career he exhibited that. It was very difficult for him to make some of the choices he made on issues, especially in regard to civil rights. But he made them because he understood they were right and they were in the best interests of the country and he stuck by them.

The other thing that I think made him such an outstanding Member of this House is that he was truly an institutional man. He did recognize that before you could succeed as an individual Member of this House, this place itself had to work and it had to work well. He recognized that because the interests of the House had to come before many other things he recognized that on occasion, even though you had a political

advantage, it was wise not to press it for the greater good of everyone concerned and for the greater good of the country. He stuck by that rule.

He was also one of those who tried to merge the pressures for economic growth in this country with the pressures for equity and to try to fuse both into a rational set of policies for his party and for the country.

I think he will be remembered as a person who was a problem solver rather than a rhetorician.

I very greatly regret his passing. I just want to extend my sincere sympathy to his wife, Cathy.

Mr. O'NEILL. Mr. Speaker, I probably knew GILLY LONG as well as—and longer than—most Members of the House. In 1958 I was a member of the Committee on Contested Elections. That committee is out of existence now, but in those particular days the chief counsel was GILLY LONG, a young, able, and talented fellow, who served the committee very well. I got to know him and to respect him.

Then in 1962 he ran for the Congress and was elected. The opening day of that session is one in the history of this Congress that historians write about. It was to break the coalition between the southern Democrats and the Republicans who had allied themselves under the leadership of "Judge" Smith of Virginia. The question came on enlarging the Rules Committee. GILLY LONG was a man of courage and foresight. He appreciated that in our democracy the power of the Rules Committee must be such that the leadership can bring legislation to the floor, which was not the case at that time.

So he voted with the majority on that day to enable us—for the future of this legislative body—to be able to get the legislation on the floor. This hurt him badly back home where he represented a very conservative district.

GILLY was defeated for reelection. At a later date he ran for Governor, always doing well, but a "bridesmaid and never the bride."

He came back to this Congress in 1973 and again showed extreme courage as legislation came along, especially civil rights legislation. GILLY had the respect and admiration of every Member of this Congress on both sides of the aisle.

I have seen caucus chairmen come and go. I always say that every whip, every majority leader, every chairman of the

caucus always does a better job than the one before them. They take the inequities and mistakes of the past and correct them. GILLY was truly the most forceful that I ever saw.

He and Cathy, Millie, and I have traveled together. There was a bond of friendship that had grown between the O'Neill family and the Long family and I know that Millie joins me and has already expressed to Catherine our sincerest, deepest sympathy for the loss of GILLY. He truly was a great American.

Mr. Speaker, I have in my hands the remarks that I made at the services in Alexandria, LA, last week. Cathy called and asked me if I would join in the eulogy. She paid me a great honor. I would like to include my remarks at this time:

Reverend Clergy, Cathy, George and Janis, my colleagues, friends and admirers of GILLIS LONG.

GILLIS LONG was my friend. We served together on the House Committee on Elections 26 years ago. He was a young man of achievement with a great future ahead of him.

Soon after we met he was elected to Congress in the heady days of the New Frontier. In his first term he quickly stood up for what was right for the House and what was right for the country. As a result, he waited awhile for his second term.

As it turned out, the reputation he gained for courage and conviction made up for the years he lost in seniority. Upon his return to the House, beginning with his service on the House Rules Committee, he quickly rose in the leadership of the House.

GILLIS was popular, knowledgeable and influential. His colleagues looked to him for guidance and he always listened to them for advice.

He was a conciliator. He was a consensus-builder. He was a unifier.

We welcomed change. But he never wanted to leave anyone behind. He sought to persuade rather than to punish. He fought to reconcile rather than to divide.

Recently, he advocated that his party needed to recapture the "vital center" of the American electorate. Well, GILLIS LONG himself was the "vital center" of the House leadership, the House Rules Committee, and the Democratic caucus.

And of course, he was the "vital center" of his family, his community and his district.

GILLIS was a doer, he made things happen and he made things better. He was impatient for results, but he was always patient with people.

He cared deeply about his constituents, his colleagues, and his countrymen. As a result, they cared about him.

John Kennedy reminded us that "we should not forget those acts of courage with which men lived". Well we will never forget the courage with which GILLIS lived every day in face of illness during the last several years. We will never forget the courage he displayed in his first term in Congress. We will never forget how bravely he served his country in World War II.

His courage, his commitment, and his compassion will remain in the center of our lives and our experiences for years to come.

GILLIS was a strong voice in the House. His was a voice of conviction and of moderation. His voice will no longer be heard in the House. His vote will no longer be recorded in the Chamber. But I promise you his influence remains because his memory lives on in our minds, in our hearts and in our enduring respect and admiration for him and for what he stood for.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues here today in expressing our sadness at the loss of one of the best legislators I have seen operate here in the House in the 16 years that I have been in this city. He was my neighbor over there in Louisiana. That led us on many occasions to work together on legislation where he had a common interest.

He was an outstanding member of the Rules Committee. I served on the Rules Committee with him for 10 years. He in many ways changed the direction of the Rules Committee as a consummate politician, technician, and tactician. I always appreciated, the fact that he had a real sense of this institution and consequently improved the operation of the House. He was interested in congressional oversight and trying to make sure that this body did take a look at what it had done. We worked closely together on the Legislative Process Subcommittee on sunset legislation and related oversight proposals. I was privileged to serve as the ranking Republican under his chairmanship, and he was always gracious to me.

Obviously, he did an outstanding job as the chairman of his party's caucus. I think he was revolutionary in the many ways that he tried to make it more active. We on this side of the aisle observed the leadership that he provided in that caucus.

I did work with him on many bipartisan issues and felt that when we worked together we were able to accomplish some positive things on legislation.

What meant more than anything else to me with GILLIS was that he was fair in the way that he dealt with me as a member of the Rules Committee. As a Member of the House, he left a legacy here that we will all remember and appreciate. I think that the House is a better place because of the service of our friend and colleague, GILLIS LONG. I extend my feelings to his family on this great loss.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, when I was first elected to Congress in 1968, I came to this institution and was sworn in,

took the oath of office in 1969, with the firm conviction that I would not be shackled by the history of prejudice and bias that had been associated by some people with Representatives from my native State during the last several decades.

I came here committed to ideals which I felt very alone in bringing to Congress from my region, to learn that there were other soulmates who were here with me and who had preceded me from the South with whom I associated and with whom I was comfortable ideologically and philosophically. Though GILLIS had a break in his service and he was not here in 1969 when I was sworn in, I soon learned of him. And when he returned a couple of years later, I respected him as a master craftsman of the art of politics, as a master Congressman who was committed not only to the people of his district in Louisiana that he represented in the U.S. Congress, but who was equally committed to a set of ideals which he brought with him as a standard by which he measured his performance in representing his constituents.

And I think most of all I admired the courage of this man in fulfilling the commitments that he had. He had the courage of his commitments. We were frequently visitors about the plight of our region and its part that it should play in national politics. We frequently conferred about matters of debate on the floor of the House. And after all of the work was done, he would lay politics aside and be the friend to me and other Members of Congress that we all knew him to be.

It is with great sadness that I stand here today, and it is with warmth and heartfelt condolence that I extend my feelings to his family and to especially Cathy, who shared GILLIS' work with him step by step each day that he served in Congress.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I grew up in Louisiana, and I think it is safe to say that throughout my formative years I grew up in Louisiana hearing the name of GILLIS LONG repeated time and time again. The people of Louisiana knew him for his record as an outstanding statesman, they knew him for his record as a war veteran, during which service he received recognition for outstanding valor. He received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. But, most importantly, he was a master politician.

GILLIS LONG was the embodiment of the Democratic Party in Louisiana. He was politically and philosophically, I suppose,

on the opposite side of the fence, the opposite side of the spectrum, from me. But I believe, in knowing GILLIS over these last 8 years that I have served in Congress, that we had a great deal in common. I know that we were friends, despite our political and philosophical differences. There is no doubt in my mind that Louisiana has suffered a great loss in his passing.

GILLIS had the politically famous name of Long, but he came from relatively obscure and simple surroundings. He rose to prominence because he was a whirlwind of energy, an irrepressible campaigner, a formidable opponent, an inveterate Liberal, and a yellow-dog Democrat. But he was also a good guy, and you could trust him, you could count on his word. He did not hesitate to make alliances with people who did not necessarily share his views if it was for mutual political benefit. I recall one time when he shared the cost of a poll with Dave Treen who was thinking of running for Governor. GILLIS was also thinking of running for Governor. They got the same pollster, they put their money in together, shared the cost, and on the basis of that poll, Dave Treen decided ultimately to run for Governor and GILLIS LONG decided not to.

I remember one time, more close to my own political future, I suppose, he worked with me on reapportionment, to help secure his base, and mine, as it turned out, as far as our positions were concerned among our State legislators.

I have to say that GILLIS was remarkable in another context, for let any political adversary rue the day that he went up against GILLIS LONG, either on the campaign trail or on the legislative battlefield. GILLIS was merciless in his combative nature, and he could beat the toughest of odds when the time and circumstances were right.

The time never was right for GILLIS to have become Governor of Louisiana, and that was a goal he had set for himself at various times throughout his career. But that was not significant, for GILLIS was the consummate political maneuverer of Louisiana. His tentacles, his machinations, his ingenuity, and his integrity were always one step away from the Governor's mansion, regardless of who might have occupied it over the last 25 years.

GILLIS had friends in every corner of Louisiana and friends in cities and towns throughout this Nation of ours. And for

those who did not count themselves among his friends, well, he could always be sure that at the very least he had their respect.

GILLIS LONG left his mark on Louisiana and on the Nation. He was throughout his entire life every ounce the "happy warrior" that the late Hubert Humphrey was, for he reveled in challènge, in politics, and in life.

As I mentioned earlier, I sometimes have often disagreed with GILLIS' positions on the issues, but you did not have to agree with GILLIS to know that he was one hell of a man.

I learned at his funeral that 2 weeks before he died GILLIS asked the delegate from the District of Columbia, Walter Fauntroy, to sing "The Impossible Dream" at his funeral ceremony. I think that song capsulizes GILLIS LONG's life, and you cannot help but admire a man who can face up to his unfortunate fate with such courage.

His lovely wife, Cathy, and his children, George and Janice, who now mourn his departure from this Earth, can later rejoice in the knowledge that GILLIS LONG lived his life and wasted nothing.

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, the passing of GILLIS LONG leaves a void which will not be easily filled. GILLIS LONG determined early in his life that he would be a public man. His was no ordinary dream of mere personal ambition, of prestige, power, and popularity, though there would be nothing wrong with a young man dreaming of those things. His was a dream of a career in public service, the beneficiaries of which would be his people, his region, the small towns, and families with whom he grew up.

GILLIS began ardently and with the dedication, which he devoted to every task that he ever undertook, to prepare himself for this career. His education interrupted by the cruel cataclysm of World War II, he entered the Army as a private and rose to the rank of captain, slogging across Europe and earning the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart in service to our country. Resuming his education, he graduated from Louisiana State University where he was elected president of the student body, and received his law degree. Then GILLIS began in his earnest, dedicated way to master the craft of lawmaking.

GILLIS LONG became a legislator's legislator, and a consummate politician; that word so much misunderstood and so fre-

quently abused. But GILLIS knew that politics, which Webster defines as the science and art of government, is as necessary to the functioning of a free society as water is to the flow of a river. It does not have to be filthy and corrupted, and neither does the river, for man has the wisdom, if he has the will, to keep them both clean.

GILLIS soon was recognized as a man of conviction. When expediency might have justified a temporary sacrifice of principle in the face of implacable prejudice, GILLIS stood firm by his convictions. Because of this, he knew the personal anguish of political defeat, but never did defeat become defeatism, nor sour into personal self-pity.

GILLIS overcame those defeats demonstrating both the ability to be gracious in victory, which requires the skills of a gentleman, and to be gracious in defeat, which requires the fiber of a man. In Congress, we called upon him repeatedly when difficult tasks were required; when delicate negotiations were needed. He always came through.

GILLIS served as a sort of bridge across which Members of different geographic origins, of different generations and of different ideologies could communicate. He was creative, he was constructive, and in every way a model Member.

We mourn his passing, and as we do, we recall with honor and pride the distinction that he cast upon this Chamber. He reflected credit upon the legislative branch of Government, and credit upon the United States.

Mrs. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, GILLIS had left word to his beautiful Cathy that at the funeral exercises honoring him, he would like a simple, military funeral, and that he would like for the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Pepper] and me to deliver the eulogies, and he would like for Walter Fauntroy to sing "The Impossible Dream," which was his favorite song.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to have permission to include the remarks that I made in the eulogy at the service within the context of these special remembrances.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection.

Mrs. BOGGS. In the eulogy, Mr. Speaker, I said that Louisiana had lost a stalwart son; that the Nation had lost a determined patriot, and that each of us, individually, had lost a precious friend. GILLIS' service to our State was absolutely im-

measurable. He was a defender and a promoter of all of its resources, its human resources and its beautiful natural resources. He was also a promoter of its industry; of its trade; of its commerce, nationally and internationally. Most of all, he was a supporter of its people and of their problems and of their needs.

You have just heard the majority leader talk about GILLIS' patriotism on the battlefield of war, and all of us in this House know about his patriotism on the battlefield of politics. We know, as the great song from the Man from LaMancha says, that he gave his last ounce of courage to bring all of us beyond the unreachable star.

He was indeed a great promoter of this House, of the institution of this House. We have heard the Speaker reminisce today about the young counsel to the committee that handled the Speaker's own situation when he first came to the House. My husband, Hale, was the chairman of that committee, and selected GILLIS LONG as the chief counsel.

Their friendship grew and blossomed and all of Hale's love of this House was somehow transferred to and implemented in GILLIS' feelings. He, in turn, attracted men and women of tremendous abilities to the service of this House and to politics and to the Democratic Party and to the State of Louisiana in political service. True friend we all know he was. There was never a time when, individually or collectively, he was not ready to befriend the Members of this House. Whether it was in a small personal gesture or tremendous help in a difficult campaign, at home or in legislation, GILLIS was there always to be helpful to us. During the whole time he was aided and abetted by his wife, Cathy. She is a true professional in her own right, and it is with great pride and expectation that I hope that she will be running for election in the special election to bring some of the love of Louisiana, some of the strength and courage, some of the friendship and devotion to this House that we have lost in GILLIS. I hope that Cathy will consider bringing some or all of this back to us.

I want to extend to her and to Janice and George, to Floyd and to all the other family members our deepest sympathy, our dearest love, and our great thanks for sharing GILLIS with us for so many years.

Mr. Speaker, with your gracious permission, the expressions of eulogy that I delivered at GILLIS' funeral services now follow:

Each of us here today, and thousands of others such as we, has lost an affectionate friend; Louisiana has lost a stalwart son of an illustrious Louisiana political family and the Nation has lost a loyal and determined patriot.

Our personal grief has been assuaged by the national and international expressions of praise for his solid accomplishments and his unique contributions to the stability of our national economy, to the institution of the House of Representatives, to the betterment of our State, to the future of the Republic. We have been especially consoled during these services by the eloquent remembrances of the leaders he most admired and loved.

Tucked away among the obituary praises, are two items that best describe GILLIS' own sentiments. They are his request for a simple military funeral and the notice of his establishment of the Gillis Long Scholarship at Louisiana State University. Distinguished leader, complicated intellectual that he surely was, nonetheless GILLIS remained a simple man, loyal to his roots, grateful for his opportunities. He repeatedly gave credit for his education to the free text books made available to Louisiana children by then Gov. Huey P. Long and to the GI bill of rights that assured his pursuance of the law at LSU. He understood as did his friend, my husband Hale, that to be truly great, our State had to open these windows of opportunity to all of its people and often in the early days of the civil rights movement he stood valiantly much as Walt Whitman's "Louisiana Live Oak" had "all alone, without any companion, it grew there uttering joyous leaves of dark green."

He was a true son of Louisiana and served her extraordinarily well.

His determination to accomplish what he set out to do was sidetracked only twice when he failed in his election bids for the governorship. The campaigns, however, only whetted his insatiable appetite for knowledge about the problems and the potential for growth in the State and the betterment of the condition of her people. He transferred his protection and promotion of the interests of Louisiana to the wider national arena of the House of Representatives, knowing as the "Almanac of Politics" observed that "his current district seemed entirely pleased to reelect him indefinitely." Through his position on the Rules Committee, his leadership in the Joint Economic Committee, and especially through the esteem in which he was held by his colleagues, GILLIS promoted and protected the energy, the water, the agricultural and forest resources, and expanded the trade and commerce and the research, industrial, and technological opportunities for our State. He will be sorely missed.

Wracked by pain and discomfort, as a true Louisianian, GILLIS loved life to its fullest expression. Surely now we can publicly admit that he was the captain of the krewe of Louisianians for the Washington, DC Mardi Gras Ball. Inveterate traveller, collector of art, eclectic in his taste as an enjoyer of literature, of music, of drama, and most especially of the musical "Man from La Mancha," whose theme song has been elevated today into an exquisite requiem by our chivalrous colleague, Walter Fauntroy.

His all time favorite pastime was fishing. Fatigued at times beyond ordinary measure, he was constantly rejuvenated by a fishing trip. As was the Lord

Jesus to whose principles he consistently adhered, GILLIS was also a "fisher of men" and women. He attracted energetic, talented persons of great worth to the art of politics, then organized, trained, led, and inspired them into rendering beneficial service to our Nation, to the Democratic Party and to the institution of the House of Representatives, often as staff members in his own offices. He also possessed the uncanny knack for transforming them into loving personal friends.

Above all else, GILLIS was a patriot. He consecrated his considerate talents, his energies, his vast intelligence to the service of our Nation and State, and to the people who had given him the honor of representing them in the Congress.

On the battlefield of war, as the majority leader has reminded us, he won the Bronze Star and was awarded the Purple Heart. And on the battlefield of politics, he gave his "last ounce of courage," to transport all of us beyond "the unreachable stars."

Throughout his quest, he was joined by his family members, his parents, his gallant brother Floyd, by the memory of his dear sister, his precious children, George and Janis (what a joy they provided him and what a rich legacy he has left them!), by literally thousands of avid, loyal supporters, but most especially by his beautiful Cathy, a woman of valor and keen intelligence, greatly loved by all of the rest, and a true professional in her own right.

And now it is time for our weary patriot to be "laid to his rest"; that we release him to the company of the angels as we drum roll our combined tributes into a final salute, and say goodbye to our beloved friend.

Ms. OAKAR. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of loss that I rise to speak about our late colleague, GILLIS LONG of Louisiana.

GILLIS' untimely death has taken from the Nation and Congress a man of unusual vision and understanding. He was a rare leader who knew not only the direction the Nation needed to take but also the steps that needed to be taken to give that direction. He was an activist, goal-oriented visionary.

GILLIS' great strength was that he understood the role of Congress and the Democratic Party in accomplishing the goals he set out for the Nation. He had a unique understanding and appreciation of Congress and the Democratic Party as institutions. His goal was to strengthen those institutions to make them vehicles for bringing about change and providing creative, fresh solutions to America's needs.

In the House, his greatest achievement was in turning the Democratic caucus into an instrument for involving Members and finding new approaches to solving our Nation's problems. GILLIS recognized the party's need to develop and present new ideas.

Moreover, GILLIS understood how crucial it was for a political party to reflect not only its grassroots but also its elected officials. In this sense, he was a very practical visionary. For he wanted the Democratic Party to be able to govern and instill confidence in the American electorate that it had the ability to govern.

If I may inject a personal note, I want to say how greatly I will miss his counsel. I know that my colleagues will also miss it greatly.

On this occasion, it is important that we remember GILLIS by recalling his legacy and committing ourselves to building on the foundation he laid. This would be the most appropriate monument to a great party and congressional leader.

Throughout his career in Congress, GILLIS and his wife, Cathy, working side by side with him, shared his vision, his compassion, and his understanding of how to get things done. Moreover, she knows the people of Louisiana's Eighth Congressional District and their needs. Cathy is uniquely qualified to carry on his work.

Mr. PICKLE. Mr. Speaker, those of us who serve in the House learn quickly the Members who have integrity, who have dedication, who have intelligence, who have character, and we learned many years ago that GILLIS LONG met all of those measurements because he is one of the finest Members we ever had.

GILLIS and I came together in the 88th Congress. I like to recall a little story about GILLIS.

One evening, we were all sitting around and GILLIS LONG started talking about his district. Just like most of us, GILLIS said he had been asked the question: What would you do if you were up for reelection and were defeated? GILLIS responded that he knew exactly what he would do. He said, "I would run again".

Then he added that in spite of all the difficulties of this job, none is more exciting, more challenging. There is recognition and prestige. You meet interesting people from all over the world and there is definitely a sense of making a difference in the lives of your fellow countrymen. He went on to say that he felt he was a natural as a Member of Congress and each day brought new challenges.

The fact of the matter is that GILLIS was not defeated for Congress and he probably never would have been defeated. The Eighth District of Louisiana loved him and his colleagues loved him. The problem is that there are not enough Gillis Longs in this country. He was definitely a man of total dedication to the job of representing his constituents.

Now, GILLIS LONG was a third and fourth cousin in the legendary Long family and in the early days, they did not recognize him as family. According to GILLIS his side of the family was somewhat removed from the famous side.

But his status changed during his days as a public servant at LSU. GILLIS tells the story this way. His roommate was running for LSU student body president and then decided not to run. GILLIS tried his best to convince him to reconsider but the roommate said absolutely not. So, GILLIS at the last moment, decided to run, and much to his surprise he won. The newspapers played up his win with the headline "Another Long Is Elected."

In those days, GILLIS lived in a barracks-type dormitory which had one phone in the middle of the long empty hall. Early the next morning after the election he received a phone call at about 6 a.m. GILLIS was summoned to the phone, and as he sleepily picked up the receiver he heard this voice over the other end say "Cousin GILLIS, this is Cousin Russell!" GILLIS knew he was at long last in the family when Senator Russell Long called.

When GILLIS and Cathy first came to Congress they entered in 1963 with the 88th Congress, which has through the years proved to be the strongest and most active of all the congressional families. Cathy and GILLIS and Beryl and I have spent many happy hours together making plans for the Annual 88th Club St. Patrick's Day Party, and then each year in March seeing these plans turn into one of the most pleasant evenings of the session thanks to our good friend George Koch. Because of the Longs, we can take great pride in knowing that more Members—both former and present—come back to celebrate with us than any in the Congress. The 88th Club has been a close knit, caring group, and GILLIS was one of our most caring and beloved members.

As chairman of the Democratic caucus and as a senior member of the Rules Committee, GILLIS was always there—making a difference.

Mr. HUCKABY. Mr. Speaker, I and every other member of the Louisiana delegation have truly lost a dear friend and a great colleague in GILLIS LONG. The State of Louisiana lost one of her most able statesmen and certainly the House of Representatives lost one of its strongest leaders.

As the gentleman from Texas just so eloquently explained, GILLIS LONG broke upon the Louisiana political scene when he became elected as president of the student body at LSU many years ago. We in Louisiana pride ourselves on the fact that we love politics so much. It seems as if we have a statewide election almost every year, and those years in which we do not, we certainly look at who wins the student body presidency of LSU.

I got to know GILLIS first some 20 years ago. GILLIS was running for Governor of Louisiana. My father-in-law was coordinating several of the rural parishes in northern Louisiana for GILLIS, and I can remember riding up and down those country roads putting up tree signs and bumper stickers for GILLIS LONG back then.

GILLIS, even back then, as he was to the very end, and I think he would not object to being referred to as such, was a populist, a man of the people. He prided himself on representing the little people not only of Louisiana but of this Nation.

Although I disagreed with GILLIS philosophically on some issues, I truly admired and respected him. When I came to the House of Representatives some 8 years ago, GILLIS LONG was one of those who took me by the hand, as most Members must have someone do, to show them the ropes, so to speak. GILLIS never failed me when I called upon him.

GILLIS was one of the hardest workers I have ever known. In his total dedication to the people of Louisiana, to his Eighth Congressional District, and to this House of Representatives, GILLIS literally lived and breathed for his job in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, Louisiana has lost one of its finest sons, and the House has lost one of its most able Members.

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I am fortunate to have had the pleasure of serving with Mr. LONG on the Joint Economic Committee. He viewed the committee as one for long-range thinking and planning and thus brought with him a unique and valuable perspective.

Representative LONG was also a member of the House Rules Committee. That is an understatement. He was perhaps the key member of the committee on most major issues. He viewed his role on the committee seriously and worked diligently as chairman of the Subcommittee on the Legislative Process.

Mr. LONG also served as chairman of the Democratic caucus. When he took over the chairmanship he immediately set about strengthening the caucus. He is in fact quoted as saying, "I pledged to try to unify the Democratic Members of the House." He was determined to set up discussions in the caucus about the role of the Democratic Party in future national politics. His attitude was admirable and we will try to carry on the dream GILLIS LONG had about the important part the caucus can play in our political system.

GILLIS LONG represented his district with integrity and wisdom. He embraced the needs of teachers, farmers, environmentalists, organized labor, and consumers alike and worked diligently to ensure their voices would be heard and their needs addressed. I am sure that they, as well as we his colleagues will miss him. However, I am sure that we have all benefited from his knowledge and his dedication and he will not be forgotten.

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, those who attended the beautiful services in Alexandria—and there were a hundred Members of this body and staff who came in such a fitting tribute to GILLIS—were blessed to hear some of the most eloquent eulogies I think I have ever heard in my young life—to hear Speaker O'Neill, to hear the soaring eloquence of House Majority Leader Jim Wright, the tremendous, compassionate eloquence of Claude Pepper, the soaring rendition of "The Impossible Dream" by our colleague, Walter Fauntroy, that will haunt us forever as we remember GILLIS, and the magnificence of our first lady in Louisiana, Lindy Boggs, when she brought us back from all that soaring rhetoric and focused our attention on that simple coffin that contained the remains of GILLIS and re-

minded us that for all the tremendous work that GILLIS did and for all his complex intellectualism, he was, most importantly, a simple man, a man who remembered his roots and a man for whom the most important persons in his life were those with whom he worked and those he served.

GILLIS, in all those eulogies and in my mind and in the minds of most of us who serve in this body, will be most remembered as a decent man of great and fixed convictions. It is no secret that GILLIS' political career was grossly interrupted because he in Louisiana took a stand for civil rights when it was then unpopular to do so, because he in this body, as a member of the Rules Committee, made it possible for this Nation to advance the cause of civil rights when it was then unpopular at home. GILLIS paid a dear political price for taking that stand and for standing by his convictions.

When I think of those days, I am reminded of the words of Rudyard Kipling in "Gunga Din" when he said, "By the livin' Gawd that made you, You're a better man than I am, Gunga Din."

That is GILLIS LONG. Because of GILLIS, Louisiana is a much more tolerant place, a place where civil rights are again respected, and this Nation is a much more tolerant Nation because this one man of conviction indeed stood tall.

There is a phrase used in legislative circles to describe a very kind of legislator. It is called a man of the House. Many of us come to this body and work in other legislatures with the intent of serving the folks back home exclusively. We make that our prime and almost unique and sole occupation. Others, while fulfilling that function, also seek to establish themselves within this House as a leader, as one who understands the rules and makes it work and makes things happen and helps build this institution. There are quite a number of those here in this room today who, like GILLIS LONG, work to build the institution of this House and continue to improve it. GILLIS was one of those; he was one of the foremost of those who presently serve.

In fact, the life of GILLIS LONG in many respects parallels that of our great departed colleague, Hale Boggs. Hale was also a "man of the House," one who dedicated himself to improve this institution and, like GILLIS, left an indelible mark upon it. And like Hale Boggs, GILLIS was blessed to have with

him a soulmate, a friend, a sponsor, and a supporter in the likes of Cathy Long, just as Hale was blessed to have our dean Lindy Boggs to help him through it all. Like Lindy, I hope and pray that Cathy may join us here and continue the work of GILLIS in this House, because for many years she has worked for us and beside us as an able right hand to GILLIS LONG.

GILLIS was a consummate politician. He loved politics and was proud to be a politician. You may recall that in the great Kennedy volume, "Profiles in Courage," John Kennedy spoke to that and how important it was that we in America began to understand that the word, "politician," is indeed a good and honest and decent word. As House leader Jim Wright pointed out, it can be a clean and honorable profession if only we make it so. GILLIS loved the profession and was a consummate politician.

My colleague, John Breaux, often joked that, when visiting GILLIS' office one day, he leaned on one of GILLIS' phones and raised enough money to run his campaign that year.

GILLIS was always campaigning and delving in State politics. In fact, it is no secret that when GILLIS lost his chance to serve Louisiana as its Governor and Louisiana lost the service of GILLIS as its Governor by a thin margin, GILLIS nevertheless made the difference in determining who would be the next Governor and who would be the next Senator, both of whom now serve our State in those capacities. GILLIS loved politics, and he loved this House.

We remember GILLIS also in a personal way. GILLIS was a deeply devoted friend to every one of us. I recall that GILLIS very carefully took new Members under his wing, and I was one of them. I recall visiting GILLIS in the middle of the night in New Orleans in his hotel room to seek his advice on entering the race for this Congress in 1980. I recall GILLIS waking to greet me in his pajamas and spending about an hour and a half with me in the middle of the night to discuss with me that opportunity that I had. GILLIS ultimately told me I did not have much of a chance, but he also committed himself to do everything in his power to help me. It is that kind of personal remembrance of GILLIS that sticks with so many of us in Louisiana, because GILLIS was that loyal and that much of a friend.

But GILLIS' primary loyalty, I believe, was most of all to human decency itself. His legacy is a Nation that is much more

just than the way he found it. GILLIS LONG was a great American leader. He believed in government of, by, and for the people, and he put the emphasis on government for the people.

In his beautiful ceremony in Alexandria, the Reverend Lynn P. Clayton tried to comfort us in his leaving. Reverend Clayton told the story about a young boy who was facing death at an early age, a death that his father and mother were well aware was coming, and his father dreaded the day, of course, when his son would ask him that terrible question about what death was all about. But that day came, and the son approached his father and asked him what it was like to die, and the father had prepared, as Reverend Clayton said, a very tender response. I would like to leave you with that father's response, as given to us by Reverend Clayton.

The father said to his son:

Son, when you come home tired and exhausted and your body is ready for sleep and you fall upon the couch and you go to sleep and you wake up in the morning and you are in your bedroom in your comfortable bed, do you know how you got from the couch to your bed?

And the little boy said:

Well, sure, daddy, you carried me to bed.

And the father said:

Well, son, that is what dying is all about. We fall asleep, and someone, the Almighty, carries us from that place where we fall asleep to a much better home, a more comfortable home, a home that we have earned by loving one another here on Earth.

Mr. Speaker, GILLIS earned his home. We regret his leaving, but we also rejoice in that he has earned his reward.

Mr. SEIBERLING. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding, and I thank him and the other members of the Louisiana delegation for taking this time. I wish to join with them in commemorating our beloved late former colleague, GILLIS LONG.

Mr. COELHO. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the fact that the Louisiana delegation has taken this time to honor a gentleman that meant a lot to my wife, Phyllis, and I.

GILLIS LONG is the type of individual that we talk about a lot, the type of individual that can bridge all differences, an in-

dividual who can bring people from different points of view together to discuss, and hopefully to resolve a particular issue.

GILLIS believed in communication and believed in people talking and trying to resolve problems.

GILLIS was a politician's politician. He loved politics. He loved this House. He loved the institution and he loved legislation, but he was the complete legislator that we so often do not have, someone who liked every aspect of this job, someone who took new people who came into this institution and encouraged them to use everything at their disposal to get involved and to make a difference.

The greatest compliment that any of us can have said about us is that regardless of how much time we spend in this particular institution, that we have made a difference. GILLIS LONG made a difference. He made a difference for this institution. He obviously made a difference for Louisiana, but he made a difference for a lot of us individually and personally.

For that we thank him. He now has his just reward.

Mr. WHITTEN. Mr. Speaker, I was privileged to serve with GILLIS LONG throughout his service here. Our relationship was very, very close and I concur in all the nice things that have been said here today.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in expressing my deep regret over the untimely passing of our good friend, GILLIS LONG of Louisiana.

GILLIS was not only a friend and excellent Congressman, but also a fine man whose integrity was never questioned. His record in Congress is one that all Members could emulate—steady, steadfast, a partisan in the finest sense of the word but fair to the opposition.

We shall all miss him. To his wife and family, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives and the Nation lost a great leader and dedicated American with the sudden passing of our good friend, GILLIS LONG.

GILLIS was a man of thought and action who gave his utmost to serve the people he represented. He completely understood the role of a U.S. Representative and he provided his constituents with the highest caliber of service. In addition, GILLIS was a rich source of leadership for his party and his colleagues in

Congress, but always with the chief goal of improving our Nation.

GILLIS was instrumental in helping to develop a new agenda for our Nation. Through his inspiring leadership, the statement of the Democratic caucus, "rebuilding the road to opportunity," helped to point a new way for America. GILLIS provided the spark and the fuel for this tremendous undertaking.

GILLIS LONG understood the workings of Congress and helped to make the system produce legislation which is, today, making important contributions to bettering the lives of millions of Americans. In addition to his years as a Member of the House, his knowledge of Congress came, in part, from his service on the staffs of several committees in the House and Senate. GILLIS used his vast experience and his breadth of understanding the role of Government to develop programs and legislation which solved problems. Of all the men and women who have served in Congress, GILLIS is among the very few who have been masters of the legislative process.

Our thoughts are with his family. GILLIS and his lovely wife, Cathy, have been close friends of ours. Together with Cathy and the children, we share their grief and deep loss. But we also realize that GILLIS' life was rich and contributed greatly to making this a better land for all Americans. His absence from the House will make it less joyful. But his many contributions of the past have made our Nation far richer. We will miss him deeply.

I hope that Cathy will decide to seek this office and continue the very outstanding work for our Nation that GILLIS did.

Mr. O'BRIEN. Mr. Speaker, when one considers quality as being a measure of this distinguished body, one would have to recognize that GILLIS LONG helped the average and we are reduced by virtue of his loss.

Mr. Speaker, the sudden and untimely death of our friend and colleague, GILLIS LONG, means the Members of this House have lost a valuable companion and a powerful legislator.

GILLIS LONG exhibited political savvy as chairman of the Democratic caucus and as a senior member of the Rules Committee. His influence went much further than the Halls of this body, however, as witnessed by his deep interest in seeing improvement in our economic relations with our trading partners in the Far East.

It is indeed sad and ironic that GILLIS LONG was unable to assume the duties of the chairmanship of the Joint Economic Committee, to which he was only recently elected, and carry that interest further.

My wife Mary Lou joins me in expressing to his widow, Cathy, our deepest sympathy.

The widely diverse Eighth Congressional District of Louisiana, which extends from piney woods in the north to the Cajun country in the south, has lost an exceptional Representative: astute, conscientious, even tempered, and caring.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I have been privileged to sit here and listen to these wonderful tributes to GILLIS LONG and some of them have been the best tributes I have ever heard. It is because of the fact that GILLIS LONG was one of the best Members that ever served in this Congress.

I was privileged to come to Congress in 1963 with GILLIS LONG and with Cathy and Martha and I got to know them shortly after arriving here. We were just an ordinary run of the mill new freshman class here, but GILLIS LONG and Cathy and Jake Pickle and some of the others were able to weld us together in being a very effective political group, but certainly a very homogeneous group of friends.

It is with that thought that I want to make some comments today. GILLIS, as so many have said, was the ultimate of good politicians. He was highly motivated. He was very dedicated and very skillful at it.

After serving his first year here, he decided to run for Governor and unfortunately did not make it and was prevented from coming back to Congress for a while; but he returned during the Johnson administration to work with Sargent Shriver on the Economic Opportunity Act. It is probably not a widely known fact, but GILLIS probably had as much influence on that as any other person who was ever connected with that program, with the possible exception of Sargent Shriver.

GILLIS dedicated his skills and his goals to providing better economic opportunities for all Americans in this country and with his legislative skill was able to push that program through Congress and to nurture it for a number of years. He then returned to Congress and shortly took over again as a leader and as a fine friend.

GILLIS moved rapidly in the power structure of this body, not so much from his personal ambition, but from his high skill and his great integrity. Under all of that, he was always a great personal friend to each of us.

I know when I would have legislative problems and would seek expert advice, the first person I always went to and the best advice I always got was from GILLIS Long. He could tell you how to solve the problem or whether there was a chance of solving that problem or not.

He was a leader because he loved people. He was a leader because he loved to serve in this body and he was so able and adequately supported by his very fine wife, Cathy.

Martha and I have never lost a closer friend in this Congress than GILLIS LONG. We pray that he is on the other side in a peaceful condition, because he has fought the good fight and done the best with the God-given gifts that any of us have.

I hope that his family, and particularly Cathy, have received their appropriate condolences in all of this, because I know how much Cathy particularly dedicated her life to working with GILLIS and his service to the people of Louisiana and his service to all of the people in this country.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on Inauguration Day, which in so many ways is a new beginning with new possibilities, it was with great sorrow that I and others in this body learned of the death of our friend and colleague, GILLIS LONG. For many of us in the House, GILLIS LONG was a mentor.

I follow Sam Gibbons who came to Congress in 1962 or 1963 with GILLIS LONG. There are many of us who came some 20 years later to serve with GILLIS LONG, we who he reached out to, who he instructed, and who he made feel at home in this body.

Although he was definitely a part of the leadership, he repeatedly sought to involve those of us, the newer Members, in the legislative process.

In the past 4 years as chairman of the Democratic caucus he had been leading our party carefully toward a new identity. If the House is seen today as a center of new ideas and new leadership, and I think increasingly that is the case, then one of those we have to thank is GILLIS LONG. He revitalized the Democratic caucus to make it a forum in which most Members now participate.

The two documents issued by the caucus, "Rebuilding the Road to Opportunity," and "Renewing America's Promise," would not have been written if it were not for the leadership and dedication of our friend, GILLIS LONG.

As a member of the committee, I know that GILLIS LONG contributed much to my perception of the direction in which our party should go.

GILLIS LONG, a son of the best known political family in the State of Louisiana, had a long and distinguished record of public service. A decorated veteran of World War II, he went on to complete his undergraduate work and to get his law degree. For several years he worked in Washington as counsel to the Senate Committee on Small Business and the special House Committee on Campaign Expenditures.

In 1962, as has been related, he was elected to the Congress. In a tough battle for reelection, GILLIS LONG stood on principle. GILLIS LONG was an example to everyone who seeks public office, to everyone who is confronted with the opportunity to stand on principle or retreat from commitments because of political opportunism. GILLIS LONG showed the courage that made this democracy great, and that made him great. We can all learn from the courage that GILLIS LONG showed in the face of defeat.

We were, of course, all fortunate that, some 8 years later, in 1972 the voters of Louisiana's Eighth Congressional District, finally voted to return GILLIS LONG to the House. In his six terms he became a leader in so many ways. His influence extended across the spectrum of our party to Members of every region. That is why you see Members of every region, every ideological persuasion, every age group, coming here to speak of our beloved colleague GILLIS LONG.

In economic matters and in matters of procedure in the House he was a leader, an expert.

Although I speak here today in memory of GILLIS LONG, I shall always be thankful that I took the opportunity on January 3, to dictate a letter to him. That letter was typed on January 3, and I had the foresight to have it hand-delivered on the morning of January 4. I would like to read just a brief portion of that letter:

DEAR GILLIS: As we begin a new year and you conclude your service as chairman of the House Democratic caucus, I want to take this opportunity to express to you my sincerest thanks.

GILLIS, you, more than any other single Member of the Congress, have provided me with opportunities to participate in a meaningful way in the workings of the House. I will never forget your taking the time to discuss with me personally my interests and ambitions.

As I know that was true for Steny Hoyer, I know that it was true for literally 100 young Members who came to this House in the last three sessions.

I went on to say in that letter:

GILLIS, I cannot stress how keenly I feel about your leadership in involving the younger Members of the House in the formulation of party policy and the improving of caucus rules. In addition, your leadership in the Democratic Party and your role in enhancing the participation not only of Members of the House but of all elected officials is an inestimable contribution to the redirecting and strengthening of our party. The moderation and stability that such inclusion has brought and will bring in the future is in my opinion one of the most significant reforms that could have been effected to make us once again a national party. There is literally no other Member of the House who has played as sensitive and effective role as you have over the last 4 years.

In closing, I want to reiterate how appreciative I am of the opportunities that you extended to me. Without your advice, friendship, and inclusive action, I know that I would not have been able to become involved in a meaningful way in the business of the caucus as quickly as I did. For that I thank you very, very much.

Then I closed and delivered this letter to him on the 4th of January:

Looking forward to serving many years with you in the House and with warmest regards to you and Cathy, I am sincerely yours.

That letter was delivered to GILLIS on the morning of the 4th, and on the afternoon of the 4th, GILLIS came over to me, had read the letter, and thanked me.

As Billy Tauzin had mentioned earlier, almost 100 of us went to Alexandria, LA, to pay a tribute, not the last tribute we will pay, but a tribute at the funeral of GILLIS LONG. Cathy Long had read this letter and thanked me for it. I am so pleased that I have this opportunity to express for the record, for Cathy, for the family, for the people of Louisiana, and for the people of this Nation a tribute to a great American, a great human being, a caring and loving individual. I will be ever thankful that I took the opportunity to thank GILLIS LONG a few days before God took him.

GILLIS LONG was a great friend to us all.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I guess one never knows how deeply an individual affects one until death. I was driving to the LaGuardia Airport from my home in Brooklyn on the morning of January 21 and, as I usually do, I turned on the radio and I listened to the CBS 8 o'clock news broadcast which is a 15-minute broadcast. I was listening to the news, anticipating Inauguration Day down here with a happy heart.

At 8:15, the radio announcer said, in one sentence: "Last story, and last night Representative GILLIS LONG of Louisiana died."

Instantaneously, I knew that I had suffered a loss. The day before, I might not have realized the loss that I had suffered. But I could not continue driving any longer and pulled over to the side of the road just to catch my thoughts and my breath, and thought about all of the things that GILLIS had done, as Steny Hoyer had said, not only for me, but for so many of the younger Members of the House.

I could tell you 10 stories about how GILLIS helped me personally with my growth, with my learning about this process, with my learning respect for an individual from a completely different part of the country and different background than mine.

I will tell just one because I think it is representative: In August 1983, I had a brainy idea to have a debate among the Presidential candidates—the eight Democratic Presidential candidates—and one of the first people I went to, just to bounce the idea around with, as I customarily did, was GILLIS.

GILLIS said it was a great idea. He thought the party ought to be open to everybody; he thought the availability of the candidates as we had seen them in our Democratic caucus ought to be there for every Democrat across the country.

He said, "Why don't you circulate a letter and try to get people to sign?"

I did, and 100 of our colleagues signed. The debate was scheduled and GILLIS had done it under the auspices of the caucus.

Well, in about November, a number of the Presidential candidates got cold feet. They did not want to debate. They thought it would give the people way back in the pack a

chance for the same national exposure that they had, and they began to say, "Let's not have a debate."

They first went and talked to me, and I said, "Well, the debate is planned. How can we call it off?"

Then they went and talked to GILLIS.

After each call that GILLIS received from every powerful figure in the entire Democratic Party, GILLIS came over to me and he said, "Look, whether this debate goes on or not is not going to be of great national consequence to our party. But I told you back in August when it seemed like a good idea that I would back you up. I will continue to back you up. I will tell every one of those figures who might be President of the country one day that if Chuck Schumer wants to have the debate, we are going to have the debate."

And furthermore, he told them that he wanted the debate and that even if they should manage to get me to change it, he was going to make sure that the debate was carried off.

Throughout that process, GILLIS was there being a shield, not getting any of the glory or any of the credit, but just being a shield. That was the kind of a person GILLIS was; he cared about integrity, he cared about commitment, he cared about friendship, he cared about the underdog, and he would look figures straight in the eye; I sat in on such a meeting with the Vice President—the former Vice President—and he would say, "I have to do what is right."

That was GILLIS LONG. Let him be a beacon. Every time each of us is swerved by the political vicissitudes which naturally affect our great profession, let us think of GILLIS LONG, let us think of his integrity, let us think of how the losses he suffered made him a greater person to his family, to his party, to his State, and to America.

GILLIS, I will miss you.

Mr. MCCURDY. Mr. Speaker, the mark, the ultimate tribute, I think, to any person, and I know to a lot of senior citizens in this country and a lot of traditional families, has been to have all those grandchildren sitting at a grandparent's knee and to see the family and to be able to reflect upon the accomplishments of the family.

Well, I do not know if GILLIS ever had the opportunity of having grandchildren but as you look out across this Chamber, and if you look at the people who have proceeded to the well

this afternoon, I think you will find that there are a lot of us who consider GILLIS almost as a father or grandfather because he reached out to the young members of the Democratic Party, to the young Members of Congress, and he provided a strength that very few Members of Congress have been able to provide or to give to other Members.

Former President Truman once said that the mark of a real leader is the development of new leaders. I think GILLIS LONG was a true leader.

He was able to work with younger Members of Congress, to help develop the potential for greater things in the future. He knew the strains the party and especially this institution were under during the last few years, and was able to act as a magnet and bring together people from various backgrounds and ideologies, to focus the debate and the views in one central point.

As a member of the Committee for Party Effectiveness that GILLIS founded and chaired for so long, I join my colleagues, especially the younger Members, in paying what we consider to be a very important tribute. GILLIS was a true leader.

Steny Hoyer probably said it as well as I have ever heard it said, and he did have the foresight, and I think a number of us are always jealous of the person who can look ahead and write a letter to GILLIS and exchange those compliments and the feelings that he had; and I, too, had the opportunity of, just before the inauguration, visiting with GILLIS. I had gone through a very intense struggle in this institution in this very caucus. GILLIS LONG helped me very much.

I think the comment that we had and the conversation that we had during that entire episode provided some extra strength and courage to me.

So, as a young Member of Congress who hopes to be around this institution for a while, I think that I can join, honestly, with a great number of my colleagues in saying that we are going to miss GILLIS very much.

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, there is truly something special occurring here. A good number of us are rising to say something that we feel with true depth.

Like others in the freshman class of 2 years ago, I only knew GILLIS for a couple of years; too short, far too short a time.

But it was long enough to come to admire GILLIS and really to love him.

I had the privilege of sitting on this Party Effectiveness Committee that GILLIS chaired, the weekly lunches. He used that as an arena for involvement. GILLIS talked about participatory democracy as if he had invented the term. No, he had not invented it. He, at the least, reinvented it and made it come to a reality within the House and certainly on the Democratic side.

He had a way of reaching out, bringing in. I am not sure where it came from; perhaps it came from his experience of losing several contests; but one thing was so true of GILLIS LONG that maybe he lost several battles but he was never, never defeated.

GILLIS LONG never gave up and I think for those of us who knew him, we realized that the only thing that could still GILLIS was death—but not fully, because I really think that when we stand up here and say that his memory lives on, that we are dedicated to making that happen.

And so with many others, I send to Cathy and the rest of the family, to the children and others, our condolences, but we also give our condolences to the Nation. GILLIS was not a "household name" throughout the Nation, but what he stood for was important for every household in America.

He did pass away too young, much too young. For all of us who have stood in the well here today, we pledge that we will carry on his work, participatory democracy will become, through his memory, through his works, and through our remembering his memory indeed a household term throughout the United States of America.

Mr. BEDELL. Mr. Speaker, it is quite a surprise to me and probably everyone else that I am in this Chamber. I had not been involved in politics, and certainly no one ever expected me to be here speaking to you today; but I have had several shocks as I have come to this Chamber.

One of those great shocks is the tremendous quality of the people that serve herein. I go back to my district and people talk about how terrible the Congress is and so on. I am here to tell everyone that in all my life, I have never served or been involved with such a great group of people as we have here.

GILLIS is one of those people, as are others; I served with him on the group working on party effectiveness.

One of the things that we do as we go through life is we learn of the mistakes that we have made. I made a mistake for which I feel very sorry; I never told GILLIS how much I thought of him, and now I cannot; it is too late.

I hope that I will not make that mistake with others in this Chamber whom I feel are so great; some of whom are sitting right here in this room.

I had another disappointment, and that is that GILLIS was a great fisherman, and we talked about it time and time again, about how we were going to go fishing, but we never did, and now it is too late.

But it is not too late to stand here and let Cathy know what a wonderful person that I think GILLIS was, and how much he meant to me as he meant to others.

I say time and time again that the most important thing that we can do in all of our lives is to live our lives in such a manner that we set an example for others which they will want to follow, and that that is more important than all the honors that we may receive. For me, GILLIS was such a person.

I thank God that I had the opportunity to serve with him and know him, and I am sure I speak not just for myself but for others as well when I say that we are deeply appreciative for that tremendous opportunity, and wish his wife Cathy and family the best of everything and hope they realize how much GILLIS meant to the rest of us.

Mr. WHEAT. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened at the passing of our friend and colleague, GILLIS LONG. His death marks not only a personal loss for me and other Members of this body, but it represents a loss for the country, as well.

Last week, I attended the funeral service for GILLIS. While there, I listened as people paid tribute to a man with whom I had had the honor to work closely. Numerous Members of this body attended the service. The distinguished chairman of the Rules Committee spoke, my colleague from the District of Columbia sang, the Speaker of the House of Representatives paid tribute and elected officials from all over the State of Louisiana, including the Governor, came to pay their last respects to this great man. I must say I was very impressed that so many elected officials would come out to pay their final respects.

But what moved me most was not the turnout of the more celebrated citizens of Louisiana, but of those who are less well known. People from all walks of life, rich and poor, black and white, the famous and the not so famous, all came to pay their respects to a man who had served them all and served them equally.

As I sat and I watched the mourners come to comfort the family, the book of John, chapter 15, verse 13: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" kept running through my mind.

I thought about GILLIS and I thought about what I most admired about him and this verse kept coming back to mind. Truly, GILLIS was a Member who had laid down his life for his friends and constituents. He had dedicated his life to serving them.

In the late fifties and early sixties, this country was in the midst of a great transition. I was a child but even so, I recognized the significance of what was occurring in our Nation. I knew that people were fighting for rights which were granted by the Constitution but denied them by fellow countrymen.

In the Halls of this building and on the floor of this Chamber, Members were debating about passage of legislation which would rectify this injustice. As we know, some times in this body, battles are not only fought and won on the floor, but also in committees.

The committee on which I currently serve, and on which GILLIS so ably served, was the scene of one of the battles. For some time, the President wanted to pass a civil rights bill to give all Americans equal rights but his efforts were being resisted by several members of the Rules Committee, including its chairman, Howard Smith. It was decided that the only way to get the legislation considered would be to expand the membership of the Rules Committee. In 1961, a vote to enlarge the Rules Committee for the 87th Congress was passed. In 1963, another vote regarding the enlargement of the committee was taken. The 1963 vote would make enlargement of the Rules Committee permanent.

Needless to say, the decision to permanently enlarge the Rules Committee was not well received by Members from districts which bitterly opposed enactment of civil rights legislation. They were disturbed because they knew that committee

enlargement meant that sooner or later, the House would have to consider civil rights legislation.

I can only imagine the dilemma with which GILLIS, a freshman, found himself confronted. Many of his constituents opposed civil rights legislation. Should he do the politically safe thing and vote against enlarging the committee or should he take a course of action which he personally felt was best—a course of action which would significantly improve this country but an action that could possibly damage his career?

I am honored to say that GILLIS followed his convictions and voted to expand the size of the Rules Committee. The results of his vote, along with the votes of other courageous Members, made consideration and passage of civil rights legislation possible.

GILLIS LONG, however, paid a price for following his convictions. He lost his 1964 bid for reelection to the House of Representatives. He lost because he took a politically unpopular stance but the right stand. GILLIS opened doors for many who had been previously denied their constitutional rights but seemingly, he had closed the door on a promising career.

I don't know if GILLIS will ever realize what his sacrifice meant to people from his district who couldn't vote at the time, people who had no political voice. But I know. I saw it last week at a Baptist Church in Alexandria, LA, in the eyes of men and women who remembered all that he had done for them and who came to pay their last respects.

It was an honor to work with such a great man, so early in my political career. I only hope that we all follow the example that he set.

Mr. MACKAY. Mr. Speaker, we all mourn the loss of GILLIS LONG. Most Members of the House had the privilege of knowing GILLIS for a longer period of time than I, but few could admire, respect, or appreciate him more.

As one of the freshman Members of the House in the 98th Congress, struggling to become participants rather than observers in the process, GILLIS LONG was the first to reach out to us. From the first day, he took us seriously. He was the first to give us a forum and he consistently served as a bridge between our freshman group and the leadership of the House and of our party.

GILLIS had many strengths, but many of us think his greatest strength may have been his ability to reach out to all groups, both within the House and in our society at large. That ability, coupled with a keen ability to recognize what is right and pursue it without consideration of the consequences, serves as a role model for those of us who share a commitment to the House of Representatives as an institution.

As a fellow southerner, I can appreciate how difficult his views on social issues and civil rights were at the time he first championed them. His pioneering such causes helped to mold the "new South" and help clear the way today for more socially conscious elected officials from the South.

It is common to say to a colleague who has helped us: "Thanks, I owe you one." Like many others, I have had occasion to say that to GILLIS.

The truth is, all of us "owe one" to GILLIS LONG. We owe him a commitment to be guided by the same principles which led him. If we can fulfill that commitment, the Congress will be a better place for it—and this country will be a better place for it.

Mr. WALGREN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say as simply as I can how much we in the Congress, will miss GILLIS LONG, how much we respected him as a Member of the Congress of the United States, and how much we liked him as a person.

It is hard to know what to say about a life. In many ways the specific things that make up history pass as life moves on and are not recalled. In many ways here in the Congress it is someone's personal characteristics that are most appreciated from day to day. And of course that is lost as time passes.

Looking back in GILLIS' time here, as others have mentioned, there are a number of things that stand out that should be noted and should be remembered. Two things especially strike me.

The first, was his courage on civil rights issues long before the civil rights issue captured our Nation's attention and became the pivotal social crisis of our time. GILLIS' position was courageous. But, as we look back, it also could best be described as "wise."

GILLIS reflected real wisdom in understanding the change in race relations that all our values and goals as a Nation required. Although he lost an election over it, to me, his posi-

tion reflected real wisdom about human nature. In the process, he set an example that will make better Members of Congress out of us who follow him.

The second major political event I recall in the time I knew GILLIS has to do with the governorship of Louisiana. GILLIS spent his life involved in Louisiana politics on a level that gave him every reason to run for Governor several years ago. That had been his goal for many years. It was within his reach. But he decided to stay in the U.S. Congress. To me that reflects again a sense of wisdom, a recognition of the validity and critical role the Congress plays for our democracy. GILLIS recognized that, even though we are often frustrated by the reality that Congress acts as a "committee" in which the individual is often last, the Congress is the heartbeat of our democracy and the base of the strength of our country.

GILLIS recognized that the time and energy be spent on the Congress was well spent by any human being.

To me that reveals an underlying appreciation of the value of the U.S. Congress, of the importance of its contribution to our whole fabric of life. Others will look to his example and will serve better because of it. And the Congress will be better because of GILLIS' commitment to it.

GILLIS has left an inestimable footprint on the life of the country. My boy will be better for his service. And, from his own vantage point, I think GILLIS would think that his service here was very worthwhile indeed.

I think we should also note that no political effort can be larger than its base, and the base in this case was an equal product of his wife, Cathy, who worked along with him in the development and the maintenance of the political support that kept GILLIS here and able to be here, and in that sense she has every right to be as proud of his contribution as GILLIS himself would be.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, last week, this body lost one of its most able, understanding, and "democratic" Members. GILLIS LONG, a man of character and leadership, belonged in this House of Representatives. He believed in this institution's potential and he tried to make it a more responsive and effective body. Many of my colleagues knew GILLIS much longer than I did. But his presence left its impact especially on the relative newcomers like myself.

For the then freshman Members like myself who came here first in 1983, GILLIS LONG helped smooth out a rough road. He helped build and educate newcomers. He gave guidance, good advice, and respect. Though he came from a vastly different part of the country than I do, he understood me and my constituents—because he understood this institution and the American people.

By appointing a broad spectrum of Members to the Committee on Party Effectiveness, GILLIS gave many of us a special opportunity to shape the future of our party and its legislative agenda. As a freshman, this experience was invaluable. For that, and for so many other things he did, I will be forever grateful to GILLIS LONG, my colleague and my friend.

As we move forward with the business of the 99th Congress, let us all remember, Democrat and Republican, the gentleman from Louisiana who displayed such fairness, dedication of purpose, and the belief in the collective judgment of this institution and the American people it represents.

Mr. LEVINE of California. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the 98th class, I have been privileged to serve in this House for the past 2 years. During that time I found GILLIS LONG to be perhaps as sensitive, thoughtful and sympathetic a friend as I could have sought from any part of this country and in any part of this body.

GILLIS LONG, not only belonged to this body, but he made each of us believe that we belonged here as well.

It was GILLIS LONG who brought together a broad cross-section of Members every week, frequently twice a week, in an organization which was run in fact by participating Members, rather than dominated in any significant extent by the legislative staff. And nobody gave more to that organization and nobody gave more to this body than did GILLIS LONG. He not only made time for issues, for creative thought and for broad-based legislative solutions that would appeal to all regions of the country, but he also made time for every other person here.

For those who have not had the privilege of serving in this Congress, and particularly for those who perhaps have served in smaller legislative bodies, such as the State legislature from which I came, one does not understand how difficult it is for humanity to inject itself in an arena such as this. This body is

made up of 435 people, and it is rare for 1 individual to take the time to make it more human. By doing so, he makes the product broader, firmer, much more likely to succeed; he ensures that the results that he is seeking are much more likely to be effective; and he ensures that each individual Member feels a stake in the process by participating directly.

I feel a sense of incredible loss with GILLIS' passing. I felt that GILLIS' funeral last week was one of the few funerals that I ever attended which really provided a sense of the depth and thoughtfulness of humanity of the human being who had passed. I believe that all of those thoughts and memories not only from last week but from my experience the past 2 years are among the most important that I will share and maintain for however long I am privileged to serve in this body. I am proud to be able to have called GILLIS LONG a friend. He will remain in my memory for a lifetime.

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in tribute to one of our body's most distinguished and farsighted Members, Representative GILLIS LONG, whose passing last week was a shock to us all.

GILLIS was a man who carved his own distinctive road in our institution. As a youthful Member of Congress from Louisiana in the early 1960's, he had the courage to support the expansion of the membership of the House Rules Committee, which made possible the passage of the landmark civil rights legislation bottled up in the committee for years. The unpopularity of that decision in his district contributed to his defeat for reelection in 1964.

In 1972, however, the voters saw the wisdom of returning GILLIS to the House. In the intervening 12 years GILLIS made his mark on this institution. As a moderate Democrat from Louisiana, he served as a bridge between his more conservative colleagues from his region and his more liberal colleagues from other parts of the country. In addition, he served as a bridge between the more senior Members of the House with whom he was first elected in the 1960's and then his more junior colleagues with whom he entered Congress during his second House tenure in the 1970's. In both cases, he served as a unifying force for the party and the institution, seeking to reconcile differences and bring Members together to achieve tangible legislative accomplishments.

He also sought to provide a sense of vision and long-term purpose to our party during a period of redefinition and change. As chairman of the House Democratic caucus for the past 4 years, he sought to bring all Members together to define new directions for our party around which we could all rally. I was particularly privileged to work with GILLIS in formulating the forward-looking economic proposals contained in the "Democratic Blueprint for Our Nation's Future" produced by the Democratic caucus. GILLIS shared with me a keen appreciation of the critical importance of international competitiveness to our economy, and the need to develop an industrial strategy for our country to meet the challenge of foreign competition. He made international competitiveness a centerpiece of the proposals put forward by the caucus.

Mr. Speaker, GILLIS LONG was that rare legislator who rose above the parochial concerns of region and generation and brought a truly national and world perspective to the problems of our country. We shall miss his leadership in the difficult times ahead.

Mr. HUGHES. Mr. Speaker, we have lost a good friend and colleague in GILLIS LONG, and the House will be a lesser body for his passing. I was deeply saddened by the news of GILLIS' death. I know that all of us in the House were stunned by the news of his premature death. Now that some days have passed since we heard this sad news, and we have had time to reflect, we feel even a deeper sadness.

GILLIS was an outstanding chairman of the Democratic caucus, who carefully and efficiently forged a concensus among widely varying points of view on many divisive issues. As a senior member of the Rules Committee, GILLIS again showed a degree of professionalism and expertise that served his colleagues on both sides of the aisle with examples of what our work should be, and can be through dedication and understanding.

But GILLIS did not limit his work to assignment or issues of current or passing interest. He maintained a view not only of what the Congress is, but what it ought to be. His Committee on Party Effectiveness was an innovation that has served us well. Indeed, GILLIS applied himself creatively to so many different tasks, all engineered to encourage growth and produc-

tivity both within the party caucus and in the House as a whole.

GILLIS served his colleagues as well as his district and the Nation at large. He was an excellent legislator, and a good friend. I deeply regret his passing.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, indeed, the passing of the Honorable GILLIS LONG of Louisiana is a loss to the country, the House of Representatives, and a loss to his family. GILLIS was a special friend, a creative spirit and a thoughtful legislator.

He served in the House for over a decade and in the last two sessions made an enormous contribution as the chairman of the Democratic caucus. He led the caucus to unity, but in the process did not purify the caucus. He was a leader in helping us all express our views and work toward a consensus of what we should do. His vision and dedication helped us develop a policy for the future. His leadership, his vision, and his kindness will be sorely missed.

GILLIS told me that I have "a great tradition to uphold and an unlimited future to conquer." I hope to meet his challenge and to complete his vision. He was a great man and it was an honor to serve with him in the House of Representatives.

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, we have lost an exceptional public servant in Congressman GILLIS LONG. He served in the House of Representatives for some 14 years, during which time he worked consistently for Louisiana and her people.

He will be sorely missed, both here and at home, as GILLIS devoted a large part of his adult life to public service. As Louisiana is a relatively small State, our delegation—regardless of political affiliation—shares a close working relationship. And while GILLIS and I did not agree philosophically all of the time on the issues, we were always united to work for the betterment of our State.

GILLIS was a skilled and forceful legislator, as well as a keen politician. His important and influential positions on the House Rules Committee and within the Democratic caucus attest to his political acumen.

Finally, GILLIS' devotion to cause will be sorely missed. He loved serving the people, and enjoyed it more than any one person I have ever met. His dedication to public life and

public service was well known and well-respected, and he had profound impact on the Nation and its course.

The House has lost one of its leading advocates, and Louisiana has lost one of its most able representatives.

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my condolences and sadness on the departing of our late colleague, GILLIS LONG, to his family and loved ones. Indeed, the people of Louisiana and this House have suffered a great loss and I know I speak for my colleagues when I say we mourn his passing and will miss him dearly.

GILLIS LONG served the Eighth District of Louisiana with great distinction. A specialist in procedure and a true parliamentarian, GIL LONG was a noted negotiator on the Rules Committee. A born leader, GIL distinguished himself as chairman of the Democratic caucus, and was recognized for his even-tempered manner and fairness in dealing with friend or foe. But to merely recite GILLIS LONG's biography is not enough to do him justice.

GIL LONG was a friend to many, a mentor to others, and an example to all of us. Throughout his tenure of service in the House and to our country, GILLIS LONG demonstrated a keen intellect, outstanding leadership abilities and an unfaltering commitment to deeply held principles. Above all else, GIL LONG was an effective Congressman and a true representative of the people. GILLIS LONG will be missed and fondly remembered.

Mr. BIAGGI. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today but of course also saddened to participate in this special order to honor our late and beloved colleague from Louisiana, GILLIS LONG. It was just 10 days ago when we learned the shocking and tragic news of GILLIS' passing and for those of us fortunate to have been his friend—the feeling of loss remains fresh.

I believe it was both fitting and appropriate for the President of the United States, Ronald Reagan to pause and pay tribute to GILLIS as he did at the beginning of his inaugural address on January 21. It was fitting because the President was recognizing the contributions of a man who dedicated his life to serving his fellow man and who set an example of leadership which many emulated.

GILLIS LONG provided the highest quality of representation for the people of the Eighth Congressional District in the Louisiana GILLIS loved so well. He was always their advocate in Washington working to protect, defend, and promote their interests in the Congress. Despite GILLIS many time-consuming responsibilities in Congress, he always made constitutent service his top priority and he was rewarded with reelection by his constituents on six different occasions including this past fall.

Yet GILLIS will be remembered by those of us who served with him for many reasons. He served with special effectiveness as chairman of the Democratic caucus—a job which involves considerable energy and sacrifice but one that GILLIS performed superbly. GILLIS was also a leader on the prestigious House Rules Committee another difficult and challenging task which GILLIS was equal to.

I served with GILLIS these past 12 years and was truly honored to have been his friend. He was a warm, sincere, and friendly man with good humor and camaraderie. He was a man that I and so many others respected. Yet as we recall all the good that was GILLIS LONG, let us commit ourselves not to always wait until it is too late to convey our feelings to one another. Think of all of my colleagues who are participating in this special order who wish they had told GILLIS how they felt about him while he was alive.

I wish to convey my heartfelt condolences to Gillis' widow—Cathy who for more than 25 years was GILLIS' loyal partner and friend. The loss she has suffered is truly enormous as it is to this House and the Nation. Yet let us hope that solace is found for Cathy with the knowledge that her husband led an exemplary life—where he did so much good for so many people. His is a legacy that will serve as an inspiration for those of us who serve in the House today as well as those who will serve tomorrow. May GILLIS rest in peace.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, Congressman LONG served this body with both distinction and dedication. He was a hard worker and an outstanding leader who brought compassion and understanding to the deliberations in this Chamber.

As a senior member of the House Rules Committee and as former chairman of the Democratic caucus, Congressman LONG earned the respect of all with whom he came in contact.

The people of Louisiana's Eighth District were indeed fortunate to have Congressman LONG represent their interests here in Washington with such energy and dedication.

All of us in the 99th Congress will miss Congressman LONG's many contributions to our joint legislative efforts. His work set a high standard of excellence for others to follow who believe in progressive government. I valued his leadership and will miss both his wise counsel and warm friendship.

My deepest sympathy is with his wife, Cathy, his son, George, and his daughter, Janis.

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of serving in the House throughout GILLIS' tenure in this body. I knew him to be a man of high principle, and a man with the courage to be true to those principles regardless of the consequences. For him, those consequences were rejection at the polls but he bore his defeats with the same grace that would characterize his many electoral victories. When he returned to the House in 1973, he came on his own terms. About GILLIS LONG I think it can truly be said that the voters knew exactly what they were getting when they supported him, and the ease of his recent victories made clear that they overwhelmingly approved of the manner in which he represented them.

GILLIS was one of the best-liked Members of this House and it was easy to understand why. Although he was a loyal Democrat, he was uniformly fair in trying to work out solutions to the significant problems with which a Congress must deal. He understood the art of compromise, but he also knew that before compromise could be achieved all parties must have a firm understanding of the issue at hand. GILLIS never lost his willingness to study, whether that study involved the rules of this House or the ramifications of a global economy. He was well informed, he worked hard, and he thought before he spoke—all qualities which are not only essential in a good legislator, but are likely to engender respect among one's colleagues as well.

Mr. Speaker, we will miss GILLIS LONG in the difficult days ahead. His ability and his character are commodities this House can ill afford to do without. While we will miss him, his contributions to the people of Louisiana and to his country will never be forgotten.

I want to extend my sincere condolences to Gillis' marvelous wife Cathy, his children, and his family.

Mr. HAMMERSCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, the untimely passing of our friend and colleague GILLIS LONG has saddened us all, and he will be sorely missed in the House of Representatives.

He was a true statesman; widely respected for the way in which he exercised his leadership and constructive in his approach to solving many of this Nation's problems.

As the second in seniority on the Rules Committee, GILLIS often was the driving force in crafting rules for debate on controversial and complex legislation. His great knowledge of House procedure and tremendous negotiating ability were assets to the committee that will be hard to replace.

And, of course, GILLIS' interest in the economy through his membership on the Congressional Joint Economic Committee will be remembered by all of us. He studied many broad economic questions that greatly affect the future of our country.

GILLIS also served as chairman of the Democratic caucus for 4 years, until relinquishing that role last month. In that capacity he worked to unify his party and served as a link between senior Democrats and younger Members. Yet he was also held in high esteem by all of us on the other side of the aisle, and I know that I speak for my colleagues, past and present, when I say that we all benefited from his friendship.

My sympathies go out to his widow, Cathy, and his children George and Janis. Our condolences must also be extended to the people of the Eighth District of Louisiana, who have lost a fine representative.

Mr. ROE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness in my heart that I rise today to join in this remembrance of our colleague GILLIS LONG, who passed away last week.

I indeed feel a great personal loss as GILLIS and I had established a close and productive working relationship together. In my role as chairman of the Public Works Water Resources Subcommittee, I had the opportunity on many occasions to bring key legislation before the House Rules Committee, where I frequently sought GILLIS LONG's expert advice and guidance.

GILLIS took great joy in his role as a pivotal member of the Rules Committee. He was a perfectionist who loved the com-

plex House rules system. And, unquestionably, he was considered by all who knew him, to be among the most expert in matters dealing with House procedure.

But most importantly, GILLIS LONG was a fair man. Whether it was a Republican or Democrat appearing before the powerful Rules panel, GILLIS made sure she or he had a fair hearing.

It was that same dedication to fairness that made GILLIS LONG the excellent leader of the Democratic caucus that he was. He was a natural candidate for party leadership, and every member of the Democratic Party, with its diverse beliefs can attest to the outstanding job he performed in that most difficult role.

Despite the national prominence that GILLIS LONG attained, he never forgot for 1 minute that his major role in Congress was to represent the interests of the people of the Eighth Congressional District of Louisiana. And represent them he certainly did.

During his eight terms in the House, GILLIS truly became a peoples representative, devoting himself untiringly to his constituents needs, worries, and causes.

GILLIS LONG loved his country and its people. He was a true patriot who wanted the best for America and would not settle for anything less. His good cheer and bright mind will be sorely missed as we here who follow him attempt to solve our Nation's weighty problems in the years ahead.

Mr. ANNUNZIO. Mr. Speaker, like so many of my colleagues in Congress, I was stunned last week to hear the tragic news of the untimely death of our distinguished colleague and my good friend from Louisiana, GILLIS LONG.

During the last 12 years he served as a Member of the House of Representatives, I had the opportunity to work with GILLIS on many occasions, and I became one of his great admirers.

GILLIS LONG dedicated his life to public service, and was a man of deep compassion and courage. He served our country with distinction in the European theater during World War II, and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He also served in the internal security detachment at the Nuremberg war crime trials.

Receiving his law degree from Louisiana State University in 1951, GILLIS LONG distinguished himself as the legal counsel

for several congressional committees, including the Senate Small Business Committee and the House Campaign Expenditures Committee. In addition, during President Johnson's administration, he was Assistant Director for Congressional Relations in the Office of Economic Opportunity.

First elected to Congress in 1962 to serve one term, Congressman LONG returned to Congress in 1973, where he compiled an outstanding record of achievement as the second-ranking member of the House Rules Committee, as chairman of its Subcommittee on the Legislative Process, and as a member of the Joint Economic Committee, where he was chairman-elect at the time of his death.

GILLIS LONG was highly respected by all of us in Congress for his commitment to the cause of civil rights. His legislative abilities were unmatched, and he was a statesman of great principle, always striving for compromise and conciliation instead of confrontation.

As the chairman of the House Democratic caucus for 4 years from 1981 to 1984, GILLIS LONG's contribution was significant, and his service was inspirational in shaping our country's future. He authored a number of Democratic Party position papers, and his presence will sorely be missed by all those he served as well as his colleagues in the House of Representatives.

Those of us who had the privilege of working with GILLIS LONG and knowing him as a friend deeply mourn his passing. Mrs. Annunzio joins me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to Gillis' devoted wife, Cathy, and the other members of his family who survive him.

Mr. ROYBAL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to GILLIS LONG, a respected colleague and good friend. Over the years, his many accomplishments as chairman of the Democratic caucus and a senior member of the Rules Committee speak of his devotion to the institution of Congress, as well as to his constituents.

GILLIS will be remembered by all of us as a dedicated, compassionate public servant. But more importantly, he was a decent, caring human being committed to making this country a fairer, more just place to live. He will be sorely missed both here and at home.

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleagues in expressing our deep remorse at the loss of our friend, GILLIS LONG. But tempering the remorse is a strong sense of gratitude for the life of service GILLIS offered and the impact he had on his country, his district, the Congress, and many of us individually as his friends.

GILLIS was one of those rare individuals who used his experience and historical perspective to form a clear vision for the future. He understood that if the Democratic Party was to thrive and flourish in the future, unity within the party was crucial, and he committed himself to that unity. I personally first encountered GILLIS' pursuit of unity most strongly in 1981 when he was among the few in the party insisting that we Boll Weevils should not be punished for voting according to our consciences and our districts. GILLIS appreciated the worth of honest debate and open acceptance of all Democrats in the House. Always, his efforts were to unify, and not purify, the Democratic Party in the House.

As time went on and I had the privilege of working with GILLIS on the Committee on Party Effectiveness, my respect for this leader grew deeper and deeper. Our relationship, more private than public, instilled in me a great respect and affection for GILLIS and the goals he sought to accomplish. His untimely death has prevented him from personally accomplishing some of those goals, but as Walter Lippmann once wrote: "The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on." GILLIS has passed along his quest for the unity and acceptance that will continue to guide and strengthen our party and our country. We who honor his memory should willingly accept that endowment and further the cause that GILLIS held dear.

With remorse, but even more so, with a sense of gratitude and mission, we say goodbye to GILLIS LONG.

Mr. RUSSO. Mr. Speaker, we have lost a man who cared deeply about this institution, his country and his party. Representative GILLIS LONG, a man of courage and principle, was a skilled politician that truly served the national interest. He will be greatly missed, but he has left a legacy for those of us fortunate enough to serve with him and for those to follow.

Many things impressed you about a fine gentleman like GILLIS. I always appreciated the fact that you knew he cared

about the Congress and having it work well, and you could trust him, rely on his judgment. He was a Representative that other Members appreciated because of this quality. He also went out of his way to help new Members, to offer guidance and help when needed.

A man of great compassion and understanding, I count his passing a personal loss and value the time and the friendship I was privileged to share with him. The Nation and the Congress have lost an honorable leader and I join with my colleagues in expressing our deepest sympathy to his family and in paying tribute to Representative GILLIS LONG, a good friend and a dedicated colleague.

Mr. EDWARDS of California. Mr. Speaker, united in our sorrow, we stand here together to pay our final respects to our respected friend and colleague, GILLIS LONG.

During his many years of public office spanning half a generation, GILLIS had prove himself ever the champion of civil rights for all Americans. His sterling reputation as a just and good man has been burnished by those accomplishments resulting from the staggering amount of work he so tirelessly undertook. As chairman of the House Democratic caucus, and on the House Rules Committee, GILLIS was wholly dedicated to those ideals he held dear. We will all miss GILLIS LONG sorely. I would like to join my colleagues in expressing my sympathy to his wife, Cathy, and to his children, George and Janis, at this time of inconsolable loss and bereavement.

The legacy bequeathed to us by GILLIS LONG is rich indeed. Unswervingly true to his convictions, he nevertheless strove to bring about a consensus of beliefs, a melding process which reflected his deeply founded respect for democracy and fairness. Our sense of sharp loss is eased only by our brimming reservoir of fond memories and deep esteem for our departed colleague.

I know I speak for all of us who are assembled here when I express my feeling of personal sorrow and privation at the passing of our dear friend and associate, GILLIS LONG.

Mr. FORD of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, GILLIS LONG's death comes as a terrible blow to me. He was a great human being and an outstanding Member of Congress who possessed qualities we all hope to have and to pass along to our children and

grandchildren. I worked closely with GILLIS during my first few terms in the House when we passed war on poverty legislation. He became an Assistant Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity—an act that took courage for one who retained political ambitions and plans.

It was a controversial program toward which many were hostile. Many Members of Congress were skeptical, to say the least, while others felt threatened. It was simply not politically popular, but GILLIS LONG took on the congressional liaison job.

To this day, my friend Sargent Shriver says, "Without GILLIS we might not have gotten the legislation through. He was crucial."

GILLIS' concern for the human consequences of legislation was recognized even then. He proved particularly effective dealing with his southern colleagues in both the House and the Senate. He managed at critical times to get enough Republican votes, too.

The essential decency of the man made it difficult for anyone to say "no" to him. Having joined the war on poverty, he never resigned and never strayed. His concern for the poor, the destitute, and the underprivileged continued throughout his career.

Mr. MINETA. Mr. Speaker, along with so many of my colleagues I join in mourning the passing of our good friend GILLIS LONG.

This is a special institution. Not everyone understands it. Not everyone knows how to make it work. GILLIS LONG was one of those few who walked through these Halls and was completely at home. GILLIS was a man who understood the House, and in the process made the House and each of us who shared it with him a noble place.

How many of us, when faced with a difficult problem, turned to GILLIS for help, for a solution. I imagine we all did at one time or another. And when that advice came, only a fool did not follow it.

I know that as I look forward across the legislative field that will be the 99th Congress, I see a difficult and challenging 2 years. How much easier those years would be if we had GILLIS to help lead us.

I was honored to second GILLIS' nomination to be head of the Democratic caucus when he assumed that important job in 1981. Our colleague from Missouri now has to fill the role that GILLIS created in the years since 1981.

We will all miss GILLIS. We will miss him as a friend, as our caucus chair, and as a colleague. The Nation will also miss GILLIS, because he was a man who made a difference. He was a man who knew what his principles were and fought for them.

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in paying tribute to GILLIS LONG, who has been taken from us and from his family so abruptly by illness.

GILLIS was truly an indispensable Member of the House of Representatives, and he will be greatly missed, not only by his family and by the Congress but also by his constituents and the entire Nation. As chairman of the Democratic caucus and of the Rules Committee's Subcommittee on Legislative Process, GILLIS was dedicated to improving the way this country is governed. He was a leader in seeking broad reform to improve not only the House but also the Democratic Party. It was under his leadership that the Democratic caucus produced a comprehensive, forward-looking document establishing a Democratic outlook on the Nation's economic future. More importantly, he singlehandedly made the caucus a cohesive unit for the first time in many years. And his subcommittee was constantly looking for ways of improving the legislative process.

GILLIS was a natural legislative leader. He felt so strongly about making the process work that he was able to bring together many geographic and political factions to enact key legislation. His mastering of the art of compromise and persuasion made him a great legislator. The services he performed for his party and for his country are unsurpassed, and they will survive long after his untimely death.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have served with GILLIS over the past 8 years. He is already greatly missed. I know all of my colleagues join me in expressing sympathy to Gillis' family.

Mr. SYNAR. Mr. Speaker, the memory of Members of Congress is preserved so often in no more than the name of a post office or dam in some distant corner of what was their district. The name of GILLIS LONG will be enshrined forever in the

Democratic Party, resurrected phoenix-like from the flames of the last national elections. GILLIS created, as Democratic caucus chairman, the Committee on Party Effectiveness, and those who trained in it—Dick Gephardt, Martin Sabo, Butler Derrick, Les Aspin—are the new shining hope of the party.

What GILLIS taught me as a young legislator when I first came to Congress in 1978 are precisely those virtues the Democratic Party needs to regain that elusive majority. GILLIS was seen as a liberal member of the south-central delegation; yet he was personally responsible for the passage of the major business bills in the 98th Congress. The Democratic Party will learn that the advancement of prosperity and a concern for the poor and downtrodden can go hand in hand.

GILLIS was elected in 1962 and lost his seat the following election when his appointment to the House Rules Committee enabled the first civil rights legislation to reach the House floor. GILLIS knew that there are immutable principles which are not worth renouncing for any election. Yet he also knew how to get things done. Always be chivalric; you cannot prepare thoroughly enough; think through your strategy—what you want to get done is irrelevant if you cannot get it done; lead by inclusion, not exclusion; politics is, after all, the art of reaching a consensus. These maxims have been a pretty good working guide for my legislation. I would suggest they offer a serviceable roadmap to return the Democratic Party to the majority. Great men are the guideposts and landmarks in the State.

Mr. CHAPPEL. Mr. Speaker, GILLIS first came to this body in 1962, for a single term. He returned to the House of Representatives in 1972 and remained here until his recent untimely death.

During his seven terms, GILLIS proved to be a capable legislator, both on the floor and in committee. As the ranking majority member of the House Rules Committee, he contributed greatly to facilitating floor debate on controversial measures through his concise explanations of the rules governing those measures. His work on the Joint Economic Committee was to his credit, as shown by the fact that he was to have been the new chairman.

GILLIS will probably be best remembered for his able chairing of the House Democratic caucus. It was here that he made

his major contributions by authoring a series of papers articulating new policies in such fields as long-term economic and foreign policy, as well as other issues which this body shall debate over the coming years. Here, too, GILLIS made his contribution as a peacemaker, able to bring Members from diverse backgrounds together, united in a common purpose. I know steering this caucus was not an easy task, but it was one that he was more than willing and able to undertake.

GILLIS was a fine servant of the people of Louisiana, and a good colleague who shall be missed by all. I wish also to extend my prayers and condolences to his wife Catherine, and his children, George and Janis, as well as the other members of his family.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues here today in paying tribute to our friend, Representative GILLIS LONG. He was certainly a man dedicated to serving his Louisiana constituents as well as this Nation in the House of Representatives.

His leadership capabilities were easily seen in his capacity as a ranking member of the Rules Committee, and especially as an effective chairman of the Democratic caucus.

His office was next door to mine in the Rayburn Building and both myself and my staff felt an extra sense of sadness upon hearing of his death. GILLIS LONG left much to be remembered from his service in this Chamber. His experience and leadership will be missed.

Mrs. LLOYD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add a few words in praise of my friend, colleague, and fellow southerner, the late GILLIS W. LONG. We worked together in the Democratic caucus and I greatly admired GILLIS' dedication to the unity and future progress of the Democratic Party. As caucus chairman, he worked hard to intregrate all wings of the party and to enlarge the Democratic electorate.

In his work on the Joint Economic Committee, GILLIS displayed his keen interest in developing long-range plans for the further development and increased productivity of the U.S. economy, as well as for more study of the international economy. In his vital position on the House Rules Committee, GILLIS demonstrated his love for and mastery of the nuts and bolts of the legislative process. He was committed to improv-

ing the institution he faithfully served—the U.S. House of Representatives.

His was an exemplary political and legislative career—the expression of an individual deeply committed to the great American ideal of public service. GILLIS will be missed sorely by his friends and colleagues and I'm sure that they all join me in expressing our condolences to his wife Cathy and to their children.

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that we take this time today in order to pay tribute to our departed colleague, Representative GILLIS LONG of Louisiana.

GILLIS exemplified the very best in a public servant. He served his constituents with the utmost distinction and dedication. In addition, he continually gave this body the benefit of his wisdom, his leadership, and his impeccable judgment. His knowledge and keen understanding of rules and procedures in this House will be remembered by us all, and he earned the widespread respect and admiration of everyone who knew him.

But moreover, GILLIS LONG will be remembered as a man of courage. He had the strength to stand up for what he believed was right and fair, even at the risk of his own political career. For this, he has earned a special place in our hearts and in our history books, and he will not be forgotten.

The House of Representatives will be a different place without GILLIS LONG. I will miss his vision, his guidance, and his good sensible advice—but most of all, I will miss his friendship.

My deepest sympathies go out to his wife Cathy, to his children, and to all of his family.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I rise to pay respect to our distinguished colleague, GILLIS LONG of Louisiana, who passed away recently after loyal service to this Congress.

GILLIS LONG was a man who served his constituents and the House of Representatives with dedication and conviction. His congressional district was comprised mostly of black Americans and Cajuns, a district with a truly unique character. He exhibited a compassionate concern for these people, never forgetting that he represented interests which required absolute commitment. In this, he succeeded.

Perhaps the most noteworthy contribution of GILLIS LONG was his influence in forging a smoothly efficient rules procedure from within the House Rules Committee. As the second-ranking Democrat within that committee, he aided in the bringing of progressive legislation to the floor of the House. He deserves our respect and gratitude for this accomplishment.

We have lost a fine colleague, Mr. Speaker. Let us remember his example and his legacy.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, this House has lost one of its most able Members and I have lost a dear friend, I join all the Members on the House floor today in extending profound sympathy to his wife, Cathy, and his children, George and Janis. Our hearts all go out to the family in this tragic hour.

The passing of a great man affords an opportunity both to mourn his death and to celebrate his life. Each of us will carry our own favorite memories of GILLIS, in facing that sorrow and that joy.

Mine, quite naturally, will be from our service together during a decade on the Rules Committee. The role of the modern Rules Committee is to try to make the legislative process work, and it has been an appropriate showcase for the particular talents of a gentleman reknowned as a professional legislator. GILLIS has never flinched from the hard work needed to put together accommodations that fairly balanced a variety of issues.

For his colleagues from Louisiana, there will be memories of his genuine love for his State and the real joy he derived from representing its people and its interest. Even as his responsibilities and stature in Washington grew, the energy he devoted to representing the Eighth District of Louisiana never slacked. He returned very regularly to his district, something that the Nation's air transportation system does not make easy to do, even during the years when the decline in his health must have made the effort very difficult. And, in Washington, he was an able and passionate advocate of his constituents' concerns. Indeed, after 10 years sitting next to GILLIS at the Rules Committee, I think I may know more than anyone in New England about the economics of sugar and natural gas production.

But, for many of us in the House, the most vivid memory will be the courage and, even, good cheer with which GILLIS

faced the physical adversities of his last years. The moving stories of many friends makes it clear that GILLIS knew clearly in recent days that his life was drawing to a close. But, actually, he has known for a few years that his life would not pass all the natural seasons.

And, faced with that knowledge, he actually redoubled his efforts. At a time when other men might have begun to let go of the details and labors, GILLIS actively sought new challenges. His stewardship of the Democratic caucus was a historic one. It was a period of massive work, significant accomplishment, and important reform in the caucus, and the party at large.

In recent days, following the conclusion of his work at the caucus, GILLIS was preparing to take up the chairmanship of the Joint Economic Committee. The joint committee was a vital concern to GILLIS throughout his service in Congress, and I have no doubt that his chairmanship of the panel at this time would have made a significant contribution to the coming debates on the economy and the budget.

As chairman of the Democratic caucus, much of his most lasting contribution to Congress has been on one side of the aisle. But that contribution has never been made at the expense of fairness, and the special order today demonstrates that affection and regard in which GILLIS will always be held spans the entire political spectrum.

And in that spirit, Mr. Speaker, all of us gather here today to say goodbye to GILLIS, to extend sincere sympathy to his family, and to pledge to keep alive the contributions he has made to this institution.

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues to pay tribute to the most esteemed gentleman from Louisiana, the Honorable GILLIS W. LONG who, as commentator-journalist Mark Shields remarked the other day, "died too young".

During his seven-plus terms in the House, my friend GILLIS LONG brought to this body a stability based on sweet reasonableness, sharing with the rest of us insight based on an outstanding intellect and a thorough comprehension of human nature and the body politick.

I had the distinct honor and pleasure of being closely associated with my good friend and neighbor in a number of official

and unofficial capacities. He and I served together on the congressional rural caucus—of which he was a founder—for the 8 years I have been in the Congress. We served in the party organization together and we shared many common interests and many common goals. He recognized that there are unfortunate people in this country who still require and are worthy of help from the Federal Government.

His constituents, the Congress, the State of Louisiana, and this Nation will miss GILLIS LONG and his great capabilities.

Mr. Speaker, in summing up, I cannot help but recall the parable of the talents as told in St. Matthew. Many are given talents, but there are few of us who possess the insight and the ability to capitalize on that gift, multiplying and sharing that gift.

GILLIS LONG utilized the talents entrusted to him for the betterment of mankind and his service accrued good to this Nation. We can, in truth, say in his memory, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant * * *."

Mr. LUNDINE. Mr. Speaker, GILLIS LONG will be deeply missed. He was a man who gave his best in service to his country and through his actions made a difference in the lives of many Americans and certainly in the evolution of the House of Representatives.

I will remember GILLIS most for the tremendous, and indeed historic, contribution he made to revitalizing the policy arm of the Democratic caucus. GILLIS reached out and took many Members like myself under his wing and opened up an avenue—the Committee on Party Effectiveness—through which to channel ideas and to develop policy recommendations to address the many serious problems we face.

One of the deepest honors I have had in my professional career was to serve under GILLIS as cochair of a task force on international trade for the caucus during the last Congress. As a member of the Committee on Party Effectiveness and as cochair of the trade task force, I developed a deep respect for GILLIS' capabilities. He understood the importance of developing a vision of the future for our children and he cared deeply about the integrity and commitment to basic human values and economic progress of the Democratic Party and House of Representatives.

The House will not soon forget GILLIS LONG. He will live on and on through the important legacy he left as chairman of the Democratic caucus. He will also be remembered for his courage and leadership as a legislator and for the many contributions to his country and fellow human beings he made over the years.

GILLIS gave us his best. He had dreams and ideals, he sobered them with just enough of reality over the years to be practical and effective in his pursuit of them. Through his actions he energized and improved the lives of many, many people. Above all, GILLIS shared a commitment with us to public service and a deep belief in the greatness of the American culture and government. It is now up to us to carry on the fine work GILLIS did, committed as he was, to economic and human progress on Earth. Our continued dedication to this task could pay him no finer compliment as he watches over us in the years to come.

Mr. RAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of our colleague, GILLIS LONG. Although I have only just completed my first term in the House and only knew him for a short period, I found Congressman LONG to be a dedicated individual and a very loyal, faithful Democrat.

His absence will leave a void in our leadership that will be difficult to fill. His service on the Rules Committee and as leader of the Democratic caucus was distinguished. He was skilled in the internal workings of this House, and he was constantly working to strengthen and unify his party, seeking to give greater voice to new Members and to build consensus among all factions.

GILLIS LONG, while a fervent partisan, was an outstanding statesman as well. He was bipartisan in his concern for America and its citizens—truly compassionate and caring.

His leadership will be missed by all of us.

Mr. GLICKMAN. Mr. Speaker, when this country lost the service of our colleague, GILLIS LONG, it lost a man of conscience, a man of principle, a man who was dedicated to the well-being not only of his own constituents, but of every American. When this House lost GILLIS LONG, it lost a man who believed with all his heart that this is truly the "people's House" and who worked to assure that it was an institution

which could fulfill its historic responsibilities. When those of us who have had the good fortune to serve with GILLIS lost him, we lost a friend who would always lend a helping hand, a friend who always had the time to listen and to counsel, a friend who would share from his vast experience to the betterment of all of us.

We will never be able to replace GILLIS LONG, but I encourage my colleagues to pay tribute to him by learning from his spirit and his dedication to doing what is right. None of us in political life can fail to understand the commitment which led GILLIS to take a courageous stand for civil rights at a time when that was not a popular position to take. He clearly put his own personal interests aside to the benefit of the people of this Nation to which he was so dedicated. His decision to do what he knew was right instead of what would have been expedient created short-term political consequences most of us do not want to bear. But that same decision was just as important to the long tenure he ultimately obtained and, more importantly, to the high respect which anyone who knew him held for him.

To his wife, Cathy, and his children, Rhoda and I give our very deepest sympathy. They should know that we are with them in this time of sorrow.

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in remembering and paying tribute to our friend GILLIS LONG who passed away January 20.

Congressman GILLIS W. LONG served with distinction as a Member of Congress representing the people of Louisiana's Eighth Congressional District. He was hard working, intelligent, and possessed a friendly, outgoing personality. He was diligent in his efforts over the years for what he believed to be the welfare of his constituents and I know his passing is a great loss to them as it is to us in the House.

I had the good fortune to serve with GILLIS for over a decade on the Rules Committee and to work closely with him. Sometimes we were on opposite sides and sometimes we were together. I can tell you GILLIS was a skilled opponent when we differed. He was a staunch ally when we agreed. I have great respect for GILLIS and admiration for his gentlemanly character and for his professionalism as a Member of Congress. His

passing leaves a real gap on the committee and is a genuine loss to me personally.

In this sad time I wish to extend my condolences to Gillis' wife Cathy, his children, and members of the family.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. Speaker, Congress and our country have lost a great leader in GILLIS LONG. A decorated combat infantry veteran of World War II, he brought to the House a special type of leadership—direct, frank, practical, and compassionate. He was chairman of the Democratic caucus and a prominent member of the Rules Committee. His special interests included historic preservation, harbors, agriculture, and many other phases of American life. His leadership here will be greatly missed. I think every Member of the House considered him as a true and trusted friend. I doubt that can be said of anyone else to the degree that it can be truthfully said of him. Our deepest sympathies go to his widow and children; and we all hope that the knowledge they have of his great achievements may in some measure lessen their grief, which we all share.

Mr. FASCELL. Mr. Speaker, I join our colleagues to pay tribute to a dedicated Member, GILLIS LONG, whose absence in this legislative body will be sorely felt. In his 14 years of service, GILLIS radiated his warmth and friendliness to all around him, and his even-tempered nature was well combined with a consistently effective style as a talented legislator.

Popular with all who knew him, GILLIS never forced his ideas on others, but continued to work for a compromise and consensus among his colleagues He mastered the legislative process and aptly used this expertise to help guide many problematic bills smoothly through the Rules Committee.

As many have said, GILLIS was a champion of civil rights. He consistently supported the rights of all Americans even when this stand cost him his seat in the Congress in the late sixties.

GILLIS' work as chairman of the Democratic caucus will continue to guide the party for many years. Innovative and determined to revitalize the role of the caucus, he organized a task force to prepare a blueprint for future Democratic programs. This blueprint will help define the Democratic agenda for years to come.

I valued GILLIS as a friend and a colleague. I appreciated his leadership and companionship and will long remember his friendship.

I join in expressing my sympathy to his wife, Cathy, and their family.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of loss that I mourn the passing of our colleague GILLIS W. LONG, who represented the Eighth District of Louisiana since 1973.

I have had the privilege of serving with GILLIS on the Rules Committee during my last two terms. In that time, I have come to know him as an outstanding Member of Congress and as a friend.

On the Rules Committee, GILLIS, fully accepted the role of a senior member. His mastery of the rules of the House was second to none, and was frequently demonstrated by precise questioning during committee hearings. He would not hesitate to take the lead on complex issues.

As chairman of the House Democratic caucus, GILLIS further demonstrated his leadership ability to guide the Democratic Members of the House. In this capacity he instituted reforms to make the party more effective. He was also successful in bridging the gap between the wide range of voices within the Democratic Members of the House.

GILLIS was a man of rare wisdom who combined his knowledge of politics with his understanding of the House rules to speed the workings of the legislative process. Moreover, he was always concerned with the fairness of that process, and he strove to protect the interests of all.

GILLIS was a leader among members of the Rules Committee, as he was in the Democratic Party and in the House. He was often the unsung hero of many compromises worked away from the spotlight of public attention, yet with far-reaching effects.

While we who are his friends may feel a deep personal loss, it is perhaps because of his skillfull behind-the-scenes ability that he will be missed most by the Nation. It is often said upon a leader's passing that his work will be missed. In the case of GILLIS LONG, how true that is.

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, participating in this special order to memorialize our late colleague GILLIS LONG is one of the saddest official acts I have had to perform in my 4 years as a Member of the House. We all knew that GILLIS had been ill, and of those of us who were privileged to be able to work with him on one or another of the many projects he kept going could tell that he was often in pain—although he went to great lengths to put others at their ease, and not to show that pain unless he thought no one was watching him. But even with these signs of his ill health, to me, as to so many others of our colleagues, the news of his death was a terrible shock. We will miss GILLIS LONG enormously.

GILLIS was the kind of man who ennobles our profession. Elected officials don't always live up to the high expectations that legitimately attach to us and democracy, and all too often it becomes fashionable to mock Members of Congress. GILLIS LONG—through his integrity, his commitment, his passion to make this institution work well, his deep and penetrating intelligence—showed the way democracy is supposed to work. My closest connection with GILLIS LONG came through my membership on the caucus Committee on Party Effectiveness which he put together and presided over so well. There are not many other Members of the House who could have done the kind of job that GILLIS did with this committee—in few if any other places in this city did a group of strong-minded individuals of varying political ideologies come together week after week on a regular basis, not only to discuss the most difficult substantive and political issues that confront us, but often to come to some consensus on them. And it was GILLIS who led the way in this endeavor.

The country will miss GILLIS' devotion to the public good. The House will miss the enormous skills he brought to the job of legislating. The Democratic Party will miss one of our most stimulating and thoughtful voices for intelligent change. And an awful lot of us will miss a very good friend, who was a delightful man, and an extraordinarily stimulating colleague. I appreciate the initiative that our colleague, Mr. Breaux, has taken in giving us this chance to say some small part of what GILLIS meant to us, and how deeply we will miss him.

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the life and service of our departed colleague and friend GILLIS LONG

who we lost Sunday night. While we mourn the passing of a valued legislative craftsman of historic proportions we gratefully celebrate his life's work as a faithful, tireless, productive public servant and true representative of those he affectionally served from the Eighth District of Louisiana.

GILLIS LONG's was an outstanding career. In his years among us he never lost touch with the needs of his constituents yet his vision always extended far beyond his home district and State to encompass the cares and concerns of an entire Nation. His faith in that Nation and his compassionate understanding of America's fundamental principles served as the inspiration for his passionate and relentless support of the causes he chose to champion.

Our colleague was both a pilgrim and a pioneer whose efforts as a Member of the House brightened the lives of millions now living and many yet unborn. We who remain after him today dedicate ourselves to keeping alive his dreams.

GILLIS LONG was my friend and my neighbor. On many an agricultural issue we worked together and his help always proved invaluable. I will miss him and while his passing is a great loss to his legion of friends and admirers, his colleagues here in this body, and to the Nation, his spirit will live on in our hearts and in these Halls.

Mr. JONES of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, it causes me great sorrow to recognize the loss of so fine a colleague as GILLIS LONG. Over the years I have come to respect GILLIS and look to him as one of the most capable Members of the House of Representatives.

When I began my first term in this House, in 1973, GILLIS was returning after an 8-year absence. As our careers progressed, I came to respect GILLIS for his ability to bring individuals of many differing viewpoints to some sort of working compromise.

As chairman of the House Democratic caucus, GILLIS helped steer the party toward addressing the problems of the future. He helped construct a foundation that, if we continue to build onto it and strengthen it, will launch not only the party, but America, on a sure course for the remainder of the decade and beyond.

When President Reagan began his inaugural address by calling attention to GILLIS' absence, we were painfully reminded

that the sense of loss we felt was not only personal, but was also one for the Nation.

As we begin this new congressional session, we should allow GILLIS' spirit to remind us of the direction in which we should attempt to steer our country. The work he began with the rest of us will not end. Ours is not a body that depends upon one man for leadership, but it relies on many for inspiration. The inspiration provided by GILLIS LONG will live on.

Mr. ANDERSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow I rise today to speak of our departed friend and colleague from Louisiana's Eighth District, the Honorable GILLIS W. LONG.

Elected to serve in this distinguished Chamber eight times, GILLIS' contributions were many. Whether it was through his position on the Rules Committee, the Joint Economic Committee, or Democratic caucus, which he chaired for 4 years, GILLIS continually worked at making America stronger.

Although we all could think of many reasons for GILLIS' great success over the years, I suppose his ability to work with all the Members, whether they be Liberal Democrats or Conservative Republicans, was his greatest asset. He would listen to all sides, and then, and only then, make his decision on a particular issue.

GILLIS' determination and dedication will be sorely missed. The people of Louisiana and, in fact, the Nation have been lucky that GILLIS chose a career in the public sector. He was a good friend and I shall miss him a great deal.

My wife, Lee, joins me in expressing deep sorrow to GILLIS' widow, Cathy, and their two children, George and Janis.

Mr. SCHEUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my great sadness and sense of loss at the passing of my colleague, GILLIS W. LONG. Through my years in Congress, I came to know GILLIS as one of the most capable and popular Members of this body. His presence will be sorely missed by one and all.

GILLIS lived the life of an exemplary public servant. From the battlefields of Europe where he was decorated with the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, to the Halls of Congress where he was held in high esteem by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle, GILLIS demonstrated his deep commitment to serve the people of Louisiana and the Nation.

But GILLIS will be missed by more than merely the people of Louisiana who chose him to be their representative in Congress eight times. His remarkable legislative prowess and his affability earned him the respect of all who worked with him. As an influential member of the Rules Committee, he became an important figure in the Democratic leadership in the House. As chairman of the Democratic caucus for both the 97th and 98th Congresses, GILLIS played a crucial role in developing a program for the party's future by producing a series of extraordinary papers on a variety of economic issues.

In the 99th Congress, GILLIS was to serve as chairman of the prestigious Joint Economic Committee. As a member of that committee, I was looking forward to serving under his chairmanship as we examined the vital economic issues which we face today. I am sure that GILLIS would have met this challenge with characteristic dedication and exceptional ability. The Congress, indeed the Nation, would have profited greatly from the results of his endeavors.

I feel a deep personal loss at GILLIS' passing, and wish to express my sincerest condolences to his wife Cathy and his children George and Janis. I shall miss him, too.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. Speaker, the recent and sudden passing of our esteemed and capable colleague from Louisiana, GILLIS LONG, was a shock to me and I know that we shall all miss him in the Halls of Congress.

I had known GILLIS since being elected to the House from Hawaii in 1976 and knew him as an effective and well-liked Member. My heart goes out to Cathy and the other members of the family in this time of their bereavement. May it console them to some extent in the knowledge that GILLIS had so many friends on the Hill who care and I will always have a feeling of Aloha for him.

GILLIS, as the chairman of the Democratic caucus, displayed a remarkable prescience when he appointed a task force to develop a blueprint for our party's legislative program for the rest of this decade. The resulting "Rebuilding the Road to Opportunity" with its stress on economic solutions rather than on redistribution of wealth reflects a consensus which has built up in America over the past decade or more, and is a study that we should all pay heed to.

Personally, I am forever indebted to GILLIS, who, as a member of the Rules Committee, was instrumental in the passage of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 which included the sugar provision which was of vital importance to our sugar industry in Hawaii. I can never thank him enough for his help.

We shall all miss GILLIS as a warm and caring individual. I hope that the passage of time will ease somewhat the grief that the family feels and make it possible for them to reminisce over the happier moments in their lives together.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, like many Members of the Congress, I feel the loss of GILLIS LONG in a very personal way. GILLIS befriended me when I arrived in Washington and he was a leader and counselor for me and many others throughout the 6 years I knew him.

GILLIS LONG practiced the art and science of government at the political level as well as anyone I have known in the 24 years I have worked at it. His purpose in the House was to bring people together. His manner was conciliatory. His natural style was to include, not exclude.

Just before his death, GILLIS completed 4 years as chairman of his caucus, serving during what all would agree was a difficult period. Perhaps the greatest accomplishment of his leadership was the building of bridges between Members with divergent backgrounds and points of view. GILLIS was a tolerant man and he tried to encourage tolerance among the rest of us for each other's beliefs and goals. He was also a practical man and he worked to lead his caucus to the understanding that compromise and accommodation are necessary to make progress.

GILLIS' district is 1,000 miles down the Mississippi from my own. He was a man from the Deep South, far from my own home region. But he understood my legislative concerns and he cared about my people's needs. He did his work in Congress in a way that showed he was a truly national leader.

This institution will surely miss him, because he cared about the Congress and strove to make it work the way the Founding Fathers intended. We will surely miss him, too, because he was, in the best sense, a teacher, a leader, and a friend.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep sense of loss in the passing of GILLIS LONG. He was truly a

giant in the institution of the House; he was a good friend and an honored colleague—not only to me, but to all of us.

GILLIS had the best qualities of a courtly southern gentleman. He was courteous and he was as honest as the day is long. What I loved best about him was the reverence and respect he showed for this institution, for its traditions and its history, and for its reliance on fairness and honor.

The integrity shown by GILLIS LONG benefited all of us, as much by virtue of its example to the rest of us as by its own merits. He was an outstanding individual, an outstanding legislator, and an outstanding Representative for the deserving people of the Eighth District of Louisiana.

It is with great sadness that this House loses GILLIS LONG. I can only hope that Members, now and in the future, will take from the marvelous example he provided us of how a Member should comport himself in this great body. From his memory we all can learn, and we all should seek to emulate the fine qualities he showed to us. The legacy he left us is large, do we but have the wisdom to partake of it.

To his wife Cathy, and to his children, I know I speak for all my colleagues in expressing our deepest sympathy at the death of one of our truly great colleagues.

Mr. PEPPER. Mr. Speaker, I had the sad honor to attend the funeral services for our cherished colleague, Representative GILLIS LONG in Alexandria, LA, and to make some remarks on that occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the remarks that I made on that occasion in tribute to Mr. LONG be included in the official tribute delivered here on the floor of the House.

Mr. Speaker, my eulogy follows:

We have come here on this sad occasion to pay our final tribute to this great and beloved colleague and friend and to pour out the utmost expressions of our sympathy to his bereaved family including the sorrowing people of the Eighth Congressional District fortunate enough to have this great and talented representative in the Congress of the United States. We especially extend our warmest condolences to the dear wife whom GILLIS leaves behind. For 37 years Cathy and GILLIS walked hand in hand and heart in heart across the mountains and the valleys and though the vineyards of life together. Those of us who have lost our own beloved will know the moments of loneliness that lie ahead. As it has been said, "There are times when she will sigh for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still."

GILLIS was the ranking member on the Democratic side of the Rules Committee which I have the honor and privilege to chair. He was a tower of strength on that committee, filled with the knowledge of parliamentary procedure, remarkably capable of handling delicate and intricate parliamentary problems and situations—a man whose zeal went to the service of the democratic parliamentary process. Every member of the Rules Committee was proud of sitting there with GILLIS LONG—so knowledgeable, so dedicated, so concerned about making ever more effective and perfect the democratic process to the service of the people.

GILLIS was not only a doer, but he was a thinker, remarkably well informed about matters pertaining to the Government. GILLIS told me sometime last year that the year before he read 62 books—I think rather a record for busy Members of Congress. In the last 4 years he was a guiding light and leader in the protection of the rules of our House of Representatives, making the democratic process work more effectively, making us more able representatives of our people, making our democracy work better. The House of Representatives would not be the effective instrument of democracy it is without the knowledge, the skill, and the genius of GILLIS LONG.

And then GILLIS LONG was a man of political genius, naturally adapted to public life who proudly said, "I am proud to be a Member of the Congress of the United States, I am proud to be a politician." GILLIS regarded the prerogatives and the power of his great office as an instrument through which he could better serve his God and his fellow man. He was frequently quoting passages from the Bible that indicated his respect and esteen for the elderly. He said, "Old wood to burn, old wine to drink, old authors to read and old friends to trust." GILLIS LONG had ever a helping hand held out to those who needed assistance whether they were young, frail, or having some other requirement for aid. GILLIS LONG burned with concern for his fellow man, and he used his great power, which was extraordinary, in their service.

When Anthony came upon the body of his fallen foe Brutus lying dead on the floor of his tent after Philippi, he stood and gazed down upon this man and soliloquized in words that I think most appropriate to describe GILLIS LONG: "His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say for all the world, 'this was a man'."

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, GILLIS LONG was one of the very best. Only a few congressional districts have been represented by the kind of common sense, courage, and compassion that this good man embodied.

GILLIS was a leader who refused to run for cover when important, controversial issues were at stake. A whole generation of southern political leaders found a moment of truth in the 1950's and 1960's when civil rights dominated the agenda in a time of difficult change. GILLIS LONG passed that test of conviction with high marks—and he paid a political price in the process. He wanted to make the House a better institution, and he played a key role to that end.

Mr. Speaker, you said it well earlier, when you said that GILLIS LONG was a "profile in courage." He was, of course. And he was willing to do the right thing, when it was not the popular thing.

GILLIS LONG did not seek out confrontation for the sake of confrontation. Instead, he sought real solutions to the Nation's real problems. He worked hard at it, and he was effective.

GILLIS and his wife, Cathy, were a very special couple. I was proud to be the recipient of their generosity and hospitality. My greatest sympathy and affection goes out to her and the family.

A giant of the Congress has gone down.

We will miss him very much.

Mrs. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, like all those who have stood in this well, paying tribute to GILLIS, I certainly did not want the day to go by without giving my personal expression of the great loss that I feel for GILLIS LONG.

Just a couple of weeks ago, I was on a study mission with the Rules Committee and during that time there was a lot of discussion about GILLIS LONG, how everybody felt about him, and what a great guy he was. I was so proud that everybody that I was working with on that particular mission felt the same way about GILLIS that I did.

You can imagine how surprised I was less than a week later to find myself along with more than 100 other Members, going to GILLIS' funeral.

When I first came to Congress, in 1973, I did not know a soul except some of my husband's friends who were here. I remember sitting one day in this Chamber, sort of alone and by myself, when a man came over to me. I did not know what his name was at that time because it is hard to know who 434 other people are all at once; but this man came over to me and said "How are you doing?" I said "I'm doing fine." He said, "My name is GILLIS LONG. If there is ever anything I can do to help you, just let me know." He said, "This is sometimes a hard place to get used to, but I think you'll make it."

It was that encouraging remark that made me feel that I was becoming a part of this great body. Well, as all those years went past, I got to know GILLIS much better and I found that he was a person I could go to when I had a problem, when I

had a question, when there was anything I didn't really understand.

He always had a willing smile and he always gave great thought to the questions I asked of him; it was not a passing thing with him; he took the question seriously. He would call back and say, "Cardiss, I have thought about your question and perhaps you might want to be guided in this direction or that" and so forth.

I find that is something I am really going to miss a very great deal. I can remember just a little over a year ago, I was faced with a very serious primary election in my district. I went to GILLIS and told him, "GILLIS, I need some new ideas on the way that I can help myself get back to Congress, which is a body that I love and want to continue to serve in." And he was right there.

Election night, when everybody else was asleep and everybody was talking about all the other elections that were going on in the country, I got a phone call. The phone call was from GILLIS LONG. He said, "How is the election coming?" I said, GILLIS, I do not know; it is just too soon to tell."

The next morning my office tells me that I got another call, and it was a call from GILLIS LONG, and they told him that I had won. And my secretary told me that she could hear the joy and happiness in this man's voice.

That is a true friend, one who was concerned about the Members of the House of Representatives. I am sure that every Member here can tell you how GILLIS touched their lives. I will surely miss GILLIS, he was a friend.

As chairman of the Democratic caucus, GILLIS served his party well. He placed a premium on unity and new ideas. Only a statesman with the fine political skills of GILLIS LONG could have held together as diverse a coalition as the Democratic Party. His advocacy of new ideas led to the development of a blueprint for the party's future entitled "Rebuilding the Road to Opportunity." This document stands as a valuable guide in these difficult times.

As a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I am particularly aware and appreciative of GILLIS' fine civil rights record. Back in his first term in the early 1960's, he voted to unblock stalled civil rights legislation by enlarging the Rules Committee. Many believe that this courageous vote was re-

sponsible for his defeat in 1964 when his opponent used it as the major issue in the election. He refused to renounce his convictions when confronted with bigotry and racism.

That is the way GILLIS was. He stood up for what he believed to be right. I'm a better Member of this House because of him. Let me say in closing that so many times we have acquaintances and buddies and pals, but friendship is something that all too few of us recognize for the rewards that are associated. I am proud that GILLIS was my friend and I had a chance to cross his path.

To his dear wife Cathy I want to say that just over 12 years ago I stood in her shoes. I want her to know that my heart goes out to her and that my family sends our condolences.

Mr. FUQUA. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to pay my respects to the memory of GILLIS LONG. He became my colleague when we were both elected to Congress in 1962 and although he served only one term before returning to Louisiana, he remained my friend.

He returned to Congress in 1972 and we were pleased to once again have his wit and intelligence in our midst. GILLIS served with great distinction as a member of the Rules Committee, rising to the position of ranking majority member. His knowledge of the rules of procedure for this Chamber will be missed.

Besides making his mark on the Rules Committee, GILLIS did double duty by serving as chairman of the Democratic caucus. Our caucus sessions can be spirited at times but GILLIS always chaired with calm and equanimity.

GILLIS was always a southern gentleman in the finest sense of the term and he was a friend on whom I knew I could rely for sound advice and counsel.

I extend to his family my deepest sympathy. We all mourn the passing of this fine American.

Mr. SAM B. HALL, JR. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sorrow and a deep sense of personal loss that I join my colleagues in paying respect to the late GILLIS LONG who has been taken from us in the very prime of life.

GILLIS LONG was hard working and dedicated to the House as anyone. He knew the art of compromise, and he understood the legislative process. He fought for Congress as a truly co-

equal branch of Government, and he was recognized for this great constitutional service to our Nation.

GILLIS LONG was related to one of America's great political families. Like the Adams and Kennedy families in Massachusetts, the Tafts in Ohio, and the Byrds in Virginia, the Long family in Louisiana has a proud political tradition. GILLIS LONG was part of that tradition, and he enjoyed tremendous support in the Eighth Congressional District, and, indeed, throughout the State of Louisiana.

While I often differed with GILLIS LONG on certain issues, he always agreed to disagree in a manner befitting a gentleman. He was an effective and admired chairman of the Democratic caucus, because he understood that a Member of Congress must vote his conscience and his congressional district. He understood very well that in order for a political party to survive it must be willing to embrace varying points of view and philosophies. He understood the admonition of Winston Churchhill that when the political party system becomes polarized with extremes whether right or left, a democracy will not exist for very long.

In addition to his distinguished record as a public servant, GILLIS LONG was also a patriot of the first order. He fought in the infantry in World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He loved his country and he loved his native State of Louisiana. In fact, the geographical configuration of the Eighth District is really a microcosm of Louisiana with its wonderful people and unique culture.

I count it a high privilege to have known and to have served with GILLIS LONG. We have lost a wonderful friend and the Nation has lost a great leader. To his wife, Catherine, and his children, I extend my deepest sympathy on this sorrowful occasion.

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, as a new Member of the House, I did not have the privilege to know our late departed colleague, GILLIS LONG of Louisiana. Yet, although our paths did not cross, I have been able to realize the high regard GILLIS was held by his colleagues and peers.

During the past several weeks, I have sought the counsel of several senior Members of this body. In almost every instance, one of the people I was told I should talk with and get to know was GILLIS LONG. Everyone agreed that GILLIS was a

pillar of this institution, a man respected by Members on both sides of the aisle and of every political philosophy.

Mr. Speaker, the Democratic Party currently is searching to find its identity and chart its course for the years ahead. GILLIS LONG was the epitome of common sense and moderation. In that regard, his death is a serious blow to our party. We have lost a leader, just as the House of Representatives has lost one of its giants.

I join with my colleagues in sending my condolences to Gillis' wife, Cathy. We share in her loss as we remember today a great statesman and political craftsman.

Mr. ASPIN. Mr. Speaker, I join today in mourning the recent death of our colleague, GILLIS LONG of Louisiana.

During his 13 years in the House, GILLIS served admirably and ably. His counsel, diligence, and dedication are well known to all of us. His influence has been far reaching, and his absence will be felt each day.

He worked long and hard as chairman of the Democratic caucus, making it more of what a caucus should be—a place to talk out ideas and come to some common agreements about our party's direction. His work with the caucus helped stimulate a good deal of rethinking in Congress about the kinds of economic solutions we need and the kinds of policies we as Democrats should pursue. As a leader on both the Joint Economic Committee and the Rules Committee, GILLIS worked for the values he believed in, never worrying about catching the limelight. He cared about the outcome.

GILLIS was a leader. His legacy to all of us should be to work harder, continue to strive, and try to work together to accomplish the many important goals GILLIS LONG had for the country.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, my good friend and colleague, GILLIS LONG, died suddenly on Sunday, January 20.

Those of us in the House who worked with GILLIS LONG through the years will miss him. I not only will miss his friendship but also his leadership. I know that his constituents from the Eighth Congressional District of Louisiana will miss the exceptional level of service and representation GILLIS provided.

Mr. Speaker, Congressman LONG first served in the House from 1963 until 1965. He was reelected to the Congress in 1972.

Fascinated with the procedures of the House of Representatives, Congressman LONG was an active and vocal member of the House Rules Committee. He served as the chairman of the House Rules Subcommittee on the Legislative Process.

In addition to his service on the committee and chairmanship of the subcommittee, GILLIS served as the chairman of the House Democratic caucus for many years. In his role as chairman of the Democratic caucus, GILLIS again displayed his concern not only for the American people but also the legislative process designed to meet the needs of the people.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, at the time of his passing, GILLIS was about to be elected chairman of the Joint Economic Committee. Keeping in mind his ability and interest in congressional procedures and expertise in economics, I know that GILLIS would have done an exceptional job as the chairman.

GILLIS LONG made an indelible mark on the House of Representatives. By helping to improve the manner in which the Congress operates, GILLIS enhanced our ability to serve the people of this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I send my heartfelt condolences on the passing of my good friend and colleague GILLIS LONG to his family, to the people of the Eighth Congressional District of Louisiana, and the members of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, the passing of GILLIS LONG should make each of us stop to think what it is to be a Member of the House of Representatives.

For GILLIS LONG was truly a man of the House. He embodied the best qualities of a public figure, including dedication to principles, respect for colleagues, and a faith in the democratic process. His belief in standing for what was right caused him political misfortune at times in his career, but that steadfastness contributed to the good fortune of the country.

Those of us who are Members of this House would do well to reflect on what GILLIS LONG taught us. We can stick to our principles while treating our colleagues with respect, making the democratic process work as it is designed to work. In so doing, we can offer no higher tribute to the memory of GILLIS LONG.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of the Honorable GILLIS LONG. We have all lost an able colleague and a good friend. We share this loss with the rest of the country. GILLIS LONG displayed the same type of leadership in the Democratic Party as he provided the people of Louisiana throughout his brilliant career of public service. He was the driving force behind the revitalization of the party caucus, but his loss crosses partisan lines.

The loss of GILLIS LONG will be felt by the whole Nation, by all who live in freedom. GILLIS LONG always stood by his beliefs even at great personal and political risk. He would not back away from his convictions due to popular opinion. He kept his integrity and he kept his dignity. This Congress and this country will miss GILLIS LONG. On behalf of the people of southern West Virginia, I offer my condolences to his family. The thoughts and prayers of all of us are with you.

Mrs. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, recently this House paused from its legislative schedule so that a number of its Members could honor and remember our late friend and colleague, GILLIS LONG. I would like to share the editorial and commentary that appeared in the New Orleans Times-Picayune/States-Item the week of GILLIS' death.

The editorial and commentaries follow:

[From the New Orleans Times-Picayune/States-Item Editorial, Jan. 23, 1985]

GILLIS W. LONG

GILLIS W. LONG, who died Sunday at the age of 61, will be remembered by his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives for his efforts to define new policies for his faltering Democratic Party. But those who knew him best in Louisiana will remember him mainly for the consistency of his political convictions throughout his public career.

Many would call Mr. LONG, who represented Louisiana's Eight Congressional District for 12 years and ran unsuccessfully for Governor twice, a Liberal. He was impatient with the term, preferring to be known simply as someone with compassion for the less fortunate of our society.

Yet the term "Liberal" was not inappropriate. Many of the positions in which he served, as well as his voting record in Congress, reflected his devotion to such classical liberal concerns as the welfare of the poor and minorities. He earned high marks from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Americans for Democratic Action, a liberal monitoring group.

Yet Mr. LONG, whose varied district reached all the way from Alexandria in central Louisiana to St. John the Baptist Parish in the south, had his conservative side as well. He was a financial lawyer specializing in investment banking between his congressional stints, and he voted conservatively on such economic issues as oil policy and water projects that were of special interest in Louisiana.

There is no doubt, however, of the direction of Mr. LONG's basic political instincts. He was a champion of civil rights in the 1960's, a time when it took courage for a white southern politician to support publicly the issues of most concern to blacks. Mindful of Mr. LONG's commitment, President Lyndon Johnson named him the first Assistant Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Federal antipoverty agency, in 1965. Mr. LONG had lost his congressional seat the year before to his cousin Speedy Long, who argued that GILLIS LONG was too liberal on civil rights issues.

Faithful to his convictions, Representative LONG was the only member of Louisiana's 10-member congressional delegation to back Walter Mondale for the Democratic Presidential nomination before last year's Democratic Convention.

Among his colleagues, Conservatives as well as Liberals, Representative LONG was respected for his hard work and leadership abilities. He was a key figure on several important House committees, including the Rules Committee. He was also a driving force in the House Democratic caucus, a group dedicated to producing new policies for the Democratic Party.

GILLIS LONG stuck by his convictions and earned the respect of political friend and foe alike, and it was a fitting tribute that President Reagan, before beginning his inaugural address Monday, called the Nation's attention to his passing and asked for a moment of silence in his honor.

[From the New Orleans Times-Picayune/States-Item, Jan. 23, 1985]

THE LITTLE MAN: A CHAMPION OF THE LITTLE FELLOW

(By Jack Wardlaw)

(*"In the old Long tradition, Gillis Long was always the little man's public official."*—Gov. Edwin W. Edwards.)

Edwin Edwards has it right; GILLIS LONG was the quintessential modern Louisiana populist, the friend of the little guy.

LONG died this week at the age of 61, the victim of a heart that wouldn't stand up to the massive workload he imposed upon himself. If it can be truly said of anyone that he worked himself to death, here is the example.

The last time I saw GILLIS, he turned up a couple of months ago at a luncheon of the Baton Rouge Press Club, which happens to meet in his district. He wasn't the speaker, he just showed up to say hello. He looked terrible.

I'd known GILLIS since the early 1960's, and when I asked how he was feeling it wasn't a pleasantry, and he knew it. But he brushed the inquiry aside and launched into a lengthy litany of what he was up to in Washington—the Rules Committee was doing this, the Louisiana delegation was doing that, the Joint Economic Committee was doing the other. The Democratic Party was

about to undertake something or other, and Common Cause was pushing a reform bill with his name on it. Whatever it was, GILLIS LONG was in the thick of it.

GILLIS LONG, only a distant cousin of Huey, Earl, and Russell Long, came on the political scene in 1962, getting elected to Congress from the old Eighth District, when it was located in north Louisiana. That district has since migrated south along with the population, and is now dominated by the River Parishes and reaches into the New Orleans area to include St. John the Baptist.

Soon—perhaps too soon—he became a statewide political figure and plunged into the 1963 Governor's race. At that time, he was a "new face" up against such old ones as Chep Morrison, Bob Kennon, and Shelby Jackson. But there was another "new face" in the race, that of one John J. McKeithen.

GILLIS couldn't unite the Long faction behind him and McKeithen (the other Long faction candidate) edged him out of second place and went on to upset Morrison in the runoff.

Factional disputes run deep in Louisiana, and GILLIS had earned the enmity of the McKeithen people. Thus in 1964, with McKeithen in the mansion, GILLIS was challenged for his congressional seat by another distant cousin, Speedy O. Long on Jena. Speedy won, and LONG was out of public office for 8 years.

But he remained active politically, and in 1971 was ready for his big push for the governorship. McKeithen was retiring and GILLIS, though no longer a "new face," figured he could take the measure of the front runners, former Gov. Jimmie H. Davis and longtime Lt. Gov. C.C. "Taddy" Aycock.

That he might have done, but as it turned out, the race was dominated by two newcomers—a young Congressman named Edwin Edwards, and a State senator from Shreveport named J. Bennett Johnston.

Johnston came out of nowhere to edge GILLIS out of second place, and came within an eyelash of whipping Edwards in the runoff. Edwards then polished off one David C. Treen in the general election.

This time, however, GILLIS wasn't out in the cold. He had taken the precaution of endorsing Edwards against Johnston in the runoff, and when it came time to remap the State's congressional districts, a grateful Edwards saw to it that the Eighth District was structured to GILLIS' liking. He returned to Congress in 1974.

Packing GILLIS off to Congress kept him out of Edwards' hair, but it was like throwing Br'er Rabbit into the briarpatch. He became a leader among Democratic Congressmen and, had his health held up, he might someday have been House Speaker. Or he might have returned to Louisiana as Governor.

But he was felled by a heart attack in 1979 and passed up that year's Governor's race, in which he arguably might have beaten Treen. He recovered and went back to a frantic pace in Congress.

He compiled an unusual voting record for a Louisiana Congressman, championing the cause of minorities, women, and the "little man." Even his critics will agree that he chalked up a distinguished career.

Now it's over, but he won't be soon forgotten. The heart that failed him in the end was big enough to assure that.

[From the New Orleans Times-Picayune/States-Item, Jan. 24, 1985]

Remembering the Late Gillis Long, With Fondness

(By Iris Kelso)

Gillis Long, more than any politician I ever knew, was motivated by a sense of responsibility. That and a driving intellect.

Intellect, not ego, although he was not short of ego. He wanted to look after people, to see that things ran right.

I first noticed this in 1963, when Long was running for Governor. He, his wife Cathy, and some staff members had been campaigning through the State, flying from city to city in a private plane. I was with them.

When we landed at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, several of us were going to different places. Most politicians, when they get off an airplane, start looking for photographers. Or they march off looking very important, their wives and staff members flapping along behind them.

Not Gillis Long. He headed straight for the luggage, which had been placed on the runway. He stood there over the luggage cart, separating the bags, checking with each of us to see that our bags were there and not headed for the wrong destination.

Long was like this whether he was dealing with national legislation, the national Democratic Party, the Louisiana Democratic Party, a political campaign, or a luncheon with friends. He wanted everybody to reach their destination, and he accepted responsibility for the system for getting them there.

He treasured his friends and kept up with friends all over the country.

Kathy Vick, Louisiana's national Democratic committeewoman, recalls that she once asked Long if he would help her in her campaign to get elected head of the National Association of Democratic State Chairs, an organization of State Democratic leaders. She got involved in her campaign and forgot all about asking Long for help. She picked up the telephone one day and it was Long, asking, "How you coming, Kathy?" He was there to help.

Bob D'Hemecourt, Gov. Edwin W. Edwards' executive assistant in New Orleans, says Long often called him just to see how he and his family were doing. "He didn't want me to do anything. He just wanted to see how we were," says D'Hemecourt.

John Mmahat, a New Orleans businessman, was one of Long's closest friends in New Orleans. Long was best man in his wedding.

"I always knew that I could call Gillis any time of the night or day if I needed anything. He would do it if it was legal and right," Mmahat says.

D'Hemecourt says Long knew after his heart surgery in 1981 that he was living on borrowed time. "He had only 35 percent of his heart capacity working," says D'Hemecourt.

Yet Long continued his work in Congress as if he were fully recovered. It was typical of him—pragmatic, efficient, concerned about details—that he would have been making plans for his funeral 2 weeks before his death. He specified that he wanted women and blacks included among his pallbearers.

Long was a true populist, in that he cared deeply about the fate of ordinary people, especially the poor.

He had been poor himself. His father owned a restaurant in the little town of Tannehill, near Winnfield, LA, and lost everything in the Depression. LONG often said that he would never have been able to go to college if he had not had the GI bill after his service in World War II.

LONG met Cathy while attending Louisiana State University and they were married shortly afterward. The two had a 38-year romance and partnership.

They were best friends, in a way that other political couples envied. Most politicians are quick to say that their wives are "supportive." But GILLIS LONG was "supportive" of Cathy, too.

Some years ago, she decided to go to work as a "Kelly girl," filling temporary jobs in Washington. Many Congressmen would have been embarrassed to have their wives working in such jobs. But LONG backed Cathy in her decision, knowing that she needed an interest of her own.

More than any other Louisiana politician, LONG was interested in the State's Democratic Party. He was a close friend of Jesse Bankston, the party's longtime chairman, and the two worked together to try to develop a real party organization.

Although he ran twice for Governor, LONG never realized his dream of being Governor. I think it was because he didn't look right to the anti-Long forces and he didn't sound right to the Long people.

In sum, GILLIS LONG was one of the best human beings I ever met, that rare breed, a man of unselfish motivations.

Mr. YATRON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding American, a truly remarkable legislator and an honored colleague. It is indeed with a deep sense of loss that we mourn the passing of our friend, GILLIS LONG. His absence from the Halls of Congress will be sorely felt and his presence and service deeply missed.

Congressman GILLIS W. LONG served the people of Louisiana's Eighth Congressional District with great distinction and care. His work as the chairman of the Democratic caucus will continue to influence its direction and his outstanding contributions will continue to be felt in the years to come.

GILLIS LONG was a man of principle, a man whose word was his bond, a man who was there to help. Through his dedication, he helped to make this Nation and the lives of a great many of his fellow men better. He served as an example for all of us to follow.

The magnitude of his contributions can never be measured. Perhaps it is enough to say that we are all in his debt, just as those who come after will be in his debt for what he has left behind.

I wish to join with my colleagues in expressing my sincere condolences to his wife Cathy and his children. May we never forget what he has given all of us.

Mr. FEIGHAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to add my voice to those who have spoken over the last few days to express the collected grief of the House of Representatives at the loss of GILLIS LONG, our colleague from Louisiana. An able and articulate legislator, a compassionate and humble man, GILLIS LONG's contribution to the Nation, the House, and the Democratic Party will be sorely missed. His leadership in the Rules Committee and his direction of our party caucus will be admired and remembered well into the future.

Congressman LONG was dedicated to finding new ways to increase the productivity of our economy and build for a prosperous future. His leadership of the Democratic caucus was largely responsible for the drafting of a long-term economic policy report, "Rebuilding the Road to Opportunity," in 1982. That report, which found the support of many House Members, sought to provide a blueprint for our future, a commonsense approach to our problems in industrial development and world trade.

GILLIS LONG's death is a tragedy. With his passing, Congress and the country have lost not only an outstanding and effective legislator but a legislator who had the courage and ability to look beyond his own political self-interest to do what he believed was right. His outlook was toward the future. I join my fellow Members in expressing my condolences to the Long family during this difficult time.

Mr. JONES of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I join my colleagues in paying tribute to our departed colleague, GILLIS LONG of Louisiana. His death leaves us all with a great sense of loss. He was a man of integrity and courage who led by example. In times of great controversy and hot rhetoric, we could always count on GILLIS LONG to bring his unique sense of justice and his sense of order to the issue before us.

My closest association with him was serving with him on the executive committee of the congressional rural caucus. We all know of his commitment to his principles, and no where was that commitment anymore evident than in the rural caucus.

His sense of economic justice and his compassion for the difficult struggles of rural people guided his involvement in the rural caucus. I appreciated him so much for that and I must add that the rural people are among those segments of our society who lost a great deal with the death of GILLIS LONG.

In closing, I want to extend to Gillis' family my deepest regrets. We will all remember him for his dedication to his ideals and his devotion to insuring justice for all members of our society.

Mr. YATES. Mr. Speaker, GILLIS LONG was a good friend of mine and a very fine human being. His death last Sunday shocked and saddened me and I know that the sense of loss that I feel is shared by all of us.

GILLIS was a masterful legislator who loved the House, and I do not have to tell you that he made many real and lasting contributions to this body. I admired greatly his intelligence and consummate skill, but I want to say that GILLIS LONG combined those gifts with a sense of national purpose and vision that set him apart from many of the skilled and able Members that I have known during my nearly 35 years in the House.

Like many Members from his part of the country, GILLIS represented a district where involvement in national issues was not a particular political asset. The fact that GILLIS LONG did not choose the easy or convenient route to a successful political career is a monument to the kind of man he was. We will miss him in this House and I extend my most sincere condolences to Mrs. Long and all his family.

Mr. DERRICK. Mr. Speaker, 2 days ago, the House Rules Committee met to organize itself for the 99th Congress. When we met, it was obvious that a large part of the heart, soul, and intellect of our committee was missing; our good friend and colleague, GILLIS LONG was no longer among us.

It was my sad privilege to travel to Alexandria, LA, 2 weeks ago to pay my final respects to my dear friend. The delegation traveling to Louisiana was large and diverse, as was GILLIS' influence and respect among his colleagues and acquaintances.

There is no dispute that GILLIS was a master of house parliamentary procedure—it is a shame that he never enjoyed the position of chairman of the committee to which he devoted so

much of his time and energies. The absence of his intellect and skill will leave a considerable void on our committee.

There is no dispute that GILLIS was a master of the political process in the House of Representatives—at the conclusion of his tenure as chairman of the Democratic caucus, he gave us a newly rejuvenated policy and decisionmaking organization which will be of tremendous importance for years to come to me and my colleagues on my side of the aisle. GILLIS sought frank and open discussion leading to meaningful consensus among the divergent members of his party—it is a lesson and a legacy we must adhere to.

There is no dispute that GILLIS was a model of the "new south" Democrat of which I count myself. GILLIS not only took the right position on expansion of the Rules Committee membership to break the hold it had over civil rights legislation in the early 1960's, but paid the price in losing his seat.

But as is the mark of any truly great individual, GILLIS demonstrated the capacity to rebound from defeat, not only from the loss of his House seat, but from his unsuccessful races for Governor. Mr. Speaker, these are events which make individuals strong, and anyone who knew GILLIS knew him to be a man of unquestioned integrity and will. His word was far more reliable than many individuals' signatures to a binding agreement.

Mr. Speaker, there is no dispute that this House will suffer from the loss of this great legislator; my party will suffer from the loss of this politician and statesman; and my committee will suffer from the loss of a central participant and contributor to the important and complex work of the Rules Committee.

On a personal level, Mr. Speaker, I have lost a very dear friend. I enjoyed many pleasant hours in social settings with GILLIS, and learned greatly from my day-to-day interactions with him here in the House of Representatives. I hope to in some measure carry on GILLIS' work as chairman of the Subcommittee on the Legislative Process, and hope to follow his model as a Member of this legislative body.

My condolences and sympathies go to Cathy and their children. It will indeed be a privilege and honor when Cathy is seated as a Member of this Chamber in several months time.

Mr. BROYHILL. Mr. Speaker, GILLIS LONG was my friend. Though we were of different political persuasions, our personal relationship was excellent. He was always most accommodating in my appearances before the Rules Committee. GILLIS was a fighter. He fought hard for those issues and programs which he espoused. He had great tenacity, and he worked hard and diligently for his State and district.

Louise and I visited with Gillis' lovely wife, Cathy, the day of his passing and she knows of our personal feelings and sorrows as she mourns her loss. We once again say, "our prayers are with you during this time of sorrow."

Mr. RINALDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my sorrow at the January 20 passing of our colleague, GILLIS W. LONG of Louisiana. His death was completely unexpected, and I know that all of my colleagues were shocked to learn of this tragedy as we were prepared for the public ceremony inaugurating President Reagan on January 21. I am sure that we were all appreciative of President Reagan's calling for a moment of silence in Congressman LONG's memory during the Inauguration ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda.

GILLIS LONG was elected in 1972 after an absence from the House of 6 years. He came from a distinguished Louisiana family and was a power in the House as a member of the Democratic leadership. He was the chairman of the House Democratic caucus during 1980 to 1984 and was the ranking Democrat on the powerful House Rules Committee. His knowledge of House rules and procedure was well known. Additionally, he was a senior member of the prestigious Joint Economic Committee and was scheduled to be its chairman during the current 99th Congress.

Mr. Speaker, GILLIS LONG was a giant in the House and one of our most respected Members. The people of the Eighth District of Louisiana were extremely well served by our late colleague. I offer my deep sympathy to his wonderful family.

Mr. WIRTH. Mr. Speaker, our colleague, GILLIS LONG, brought to the House many, many talents which have been remarked upon and written about extensively since we lost him last month.

As my colleagues know, GILLIS and I worked together closely during his terms as caucus chairman. In my own mind,

GILLIS' greatest talent—and his most lasting monument—was his ability to bring the diverse elements of our party together. His warmth, his energy, his commitment to Government and to the House were all elements in that talent. But from my point of view, there were two other elements which I would like to suggest as an example for us all.

First, GILLIS understood that, all too often, Democrats have an amazing ability to get in each other's way. We are a party of widely divergent and strongly—often obstinately—held views. We often battle each other harder than we battle the opposition. GILLIS understood that, and he knew how to overcome it. In his wonderful, unthreatening way, he appealed to the best in all of us, and to our loyalty to the basic beliefs we share. GILLIS loved "participatory democracy," and we all trusted him enough to participate.

Second, GILLIS understood that the House works best when its work is dominated by ideas, not by politics. GILLIS believed that form should follow agreement on what we stand for and what we want to achieve. GILLIS reflected this belief throughout his career in the House, from his famous vote to expand the Rules Committee to his chairmanship of the caucus.

So much has already been said about this warm and able legislator. But I want to share with my colleagues a profile that to me truly captures the essence of GILLIS LONG. Written by Alan Schlein for the Shreveport Journal, it offers a view of GILLIS value to all of us.

While we miss GILLIS, let's learn from his example.

Mr. Speaker, I insert the article in the Record at this point: The article follows:

[From the Shreveport Journal, Jan. 30, 1985]

GILLIS LONG—THE MAN IN THE CENTER

(By Alan M. Schlein)

WASHINGTON.—The cross-section of politicians present at GILLIS LONG's funeral last week in Alexandria demonstrated the profound impact the veteran Congressman had on his congressional colleagues.

They were all there—old-generation New Dealer Representative Claude Pepper, D-FL, Majority Leader Jim Wright, D-TX, Conservative Representative Buddy Roemer, D-LA, Conservative Republican Representative Henson Moore, R-LA, and moderate junior Members like Representatives Mike Synar, D-OK, and Tony Coelho, D-CA. They were among three busloads full of Congressmen who flew to Louisiana to pay their last respects to LONG.

While some legislators hope to be remembered in future generations by a building or a post office named after them, LONG has left a legacy that could dominate Congress well into the next century.

All sides—the Conservatives, Moderates, Liberals, the young and the old—praised LONG for being, as Representative Lindy Boggs put it: "The lightning rod that brought us all together to the center of the party."

LONG was the bridge between the young and the restless post-Vietnam era Congressmen, who came to Washington to change the status quo and the older veterans who defended it.

Because he did his work behind the scenes, LONG's contribution went largely unnoticed by his Louisiana constituents. But it was his remarkable ability that got the mavericks and the veteran Members to rationally converse about issues which for years had caused ideological rifts. Largely due to LONG, the next generation of Democratic leaders are ready and excited about taking over the reins of power, instead of being afraid of it.

"GILLIS believed in the institution of Congress and that the young people could play a major role in the institution now," said Coelho, a LONG protege, who now heads the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. "He was the bridge between the leadership and the middle management and the youngsters. He had a feeling that it could all be brought together.

"The Godfather has left us," Coelho said as he prepared to go to the funeral last week. "But he's left us in a good position. He has said 'Now go out on your own.' "

Representative Martin Frost, D-TX, who worked with LONG when he headed the Democratic caucus from 1980–84 and served with him on the powerful House Rules Committee, said, "There is somewhat of a void now that GILLIS is gone, but it's not as big a void as there would have been 4 years ago, thanks to GILLIS."

LONG gained the respect of all of his colleagues—Republicans and Democrats alike—because he never shied away from a fight. "GILLIS was not afraid to look you in the eye and beat you," said Roemer. "I never heard him say he was going to pass on an issue."

From his first year in Congress, LONG, who died January 20 at age 61 of heart failure, was a progressive legislator. "There are two types of politicians," explained Majority Whip Bill Alexander, D-AR. "Those that sense a change and follow direction and those who see the need for change and provide leadership. GILLIS was always quick to sense change. He was not the kind to run out and join a parade, however, he was always ahead."

LONG was sent to Congress representing the "Old South" a place where Alexander said Congress was seen as "a baronnial estate run by powerful chairmen." This was a place where it was standard operating procedure for freshmen not to utter a word throughout their entire 2-year term in deference to their elders.

But LONG had foresight that immediately got him into trouble. In his first legislative year, LONG startled other southern legislators by voting to expand the membership of the House Rules Committee—a move which allowed major civil rights legislation to reach the House floor.

That legislation earned him the respect of then civil rights activists Martin Luther King, Jr., Andrew Young, and a generation of future black leaders.

Maryland Representative Parren Mitchell, Small Business Committee chairman, labeled LONG's vote an "enormously courageous stand," on civil rights which "set a pattern for Louisianians to follow."

But that same vote was responsible for LONG's 1964 defeat in a race-baiting campaign against his cousin Speedy Long. His opponent went so far as to use the slogan "Vote against the man who voted against the South."

And the people of the Eighth District did just that. LONG went to work in Washington in 1964 for the Office of Economic Opportunity under President Lyndon Johnson, said Sargent Shriver where LONG played an indispensible role in pursuading Congress to implement much of Johnson's Great Society agenda.

"GILLIS was exceptionally gifted at understanding the political needs of individual Congressmen and Senators. He understood and knew how to explain legislative objectives and had an extraordinary ability to win the trust of everyone," Shriver said.

He also credited LONG with being "crucial" in explaining Johnson's "all-out war on poverty * * *. He was responsible for gaining the initiative to begin the Head Start Program, the Job Corps," and dozens of others.

LONG ran unsuccessfully for Governor in 1963, finishing third and again ran in 1971, after successfully establishing himself as an investment banking lawyer. He made valuable contacts during that period, which helped him to build a financial war chest for future congressional races that scared off many potential opponents. Later in his congressional leadership position, he was able to help get business leaders to financially support the new generation of Democratic rising stars.

Representative John Breaux, D-Crowley, told a story about LONG's "Midas" touch. Breaux said he once walked into LONG's office to wait for him and accidently pushed some buttons on LONG's automatic telephone dialing machine. Before he could shut the machine off, Breaux would say, he had raised $100,000.

Baton Rouge's Moore also said he learned the war chest lesson from LONG, and presently leads his 435 House colleagues with more than $700,000 in his bank account for his next race.

When LONG returned to Washington and Congress in 1972, he found it in a process of change from the chairman-dominated institution to one where all Members could speak and be heard. Between 1972 and 1982, a remarkable 70 percent of the House had turned over, leaving LONG one of its respected senior Members.

LONG, who was in line to become chairman of the powerful House Rules Committee, saw it as his responsibility to guide the newcomers along and let them take an active role in party politics. While the new Members didn't control the power through committee chairmanship, they did constitute a majority.

LONG, who in 1980 became chairman of the Democratic caucus, also realized the younger Members represented what he termed "an emerging new force within our Democratic party—made up of new Members of Congress, young in mindset, if not in age, who will become the next generation of leaders in our country and in our party."

Long also served as the lone peacemaker between the Conservatives and the Liberals in 1981 when several of his Louisiana colleagues joined the Boll Weevil Conservative Democrats in voting for President Reagan's first budget.

Long listened as his Liberal friends sought to punish the renegades, but as caucus chairman he forced both sides into a room and waited as both sides aired their frustrations—privately. Almost singlehandedly, colleagues remember, Long forced the Liberals to overlook the Conservative's transgressions for the sake of party unity. That unity resulted in major Democratic gains in Congress during the 1982 midyear elections.

Long also took a group of bright junior Members, including present caucus Chairman Richard Gephardt, D-MO, and Telecommunications Subcommittee Chairman Timothy Wirth, D-CO, and developed two long-term policy papers designed to rebuild the future of the Democratic Party. The papers were a compilation of post New Deal economic solutions that emphasized productivity rather than redistribution of wealth.

Aside from time spent with his wife, Cathy, and an occasional fishing trip, Long's life was Congress. He was a tireless workaholic, who continued to work 15-hour days despite suffering a mild heart attack in 1979 and a triple-bypass operation in 1980. But 15 hours was short, compared to the 18- and 20-hour days he worked before the heart problems began.

Long commanded the respect of even his enemies for his sixth sense at political dealmaking and coalition building. Despite a reputation for being a social Liberal, Long balanced his economic votes with a steady conservative record on Louisiana issues such as oil and gas policy and water projects.

This carefully crafted political balancing act did not endear him to any one constituency; through his career he got mediocre ratings from liberal and conservative groups alike, but he was able to raise money from both.

The most fitting tribute to the Louisiana native comes from one of his proteges. Said Representative Tim Wirth of Colorado: "He had exactly what this institution needs—a sense of the future, the ability to bring along new people and new ideas, a good organizational ability and a good sense of humor as well as the love of a good fight."

Those skills enabled Long to leave a legacy that will surpass practically all of the colleagues of his generation.

"It's truly a shame that the good guys die," said Wirth, "because he really was one of the good guys."

Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *January 21, 1985.*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution and ask that it be stated by the clerk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 39

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable GILLIS LONG, late a Representative from the State of Louisiana.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate recesses today, it recess as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I move that the Senators be appointed in accordance with the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, pursuant to the resolution just agreed to, appoints the Senators from Louisiana [Mr. Long and Mr. Johnston] as the committee on the part of the Senate to join the committee on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Mr. ABDNOR. Mr. President, I join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and in the other Chamber in great sadness and regret at the death of Congressman GILLIS LONG.

I feel a great personal loss at Congressman LONG's untimely passing. As chairman and vice chairman-designate, respectively, of the Joint Economic Committee, he and I had established a close and productive working relationship. In our work together to organize the committee for the 99th Congress, I developed the greatest respect and admiration for GILLIS' abilities and dedication.

GILLIS LONG will be missed by more than the Eighth Congressional District of Louisiana, the people he represented in Congress for seven terms. He would have, I believe, been a truly fine chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, using the prestigious panel as a voice for the Americans who are overlooked and, in fact, often completely forgotten by those who determine our Nation's economic policies.

In fact, he and I had many discussions about using the Joint Economic Committee to assist the people of rural America, those who have not shared in our Nation's economic recovery. GILLIS and I represented different types of agricultural areas. His people grow cotton, rice, and sugar. We shared the belief, however, that all citizens should share in our country's prosperity, and we had dedicated ourselves to a partnership aimed at developing the innovative ideas and programs necessary to put rural America back on its feet.

GILLIS and I were both elected to the House in 1972, although he served for one term in 1963. I know that the people of central Louisiana will dearly miss his leadership abilities and the helping hand he offered them.

I offer my sincerest condolences to his wife, Catherine, and their two children. I will miss him, both as a colleague and a friend.

RECESS

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I move, in accordance with the provisions of Senate Resolution 39, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Hon. GILLIS LONG, late a Representative from the State of Louisiana, that the Senate now stand in recess until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; and, at 5:10 p.m., the Senate recessed until tomorrow, Tuesday, January 22, 1985, at 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, *January 29, 1985.*

Mr. MATSUNAGA. Mr. President, in the death of Representative GILLIS LONG the Congress has lost a distinguished Member, the State of Louisiana a respected leader, and his family a wise and loving father—while I have lost a dear friend.

GILLIS and I were both elected to the House of Representatives for the first time in 1962, and formed the "88th Club," where we discovered our common background. We both had been wounded in infantry battle in Europe during World War II Army service, and, after postwar public service—his gained as an officer at the Nuremberg war trials—we had both enrolled in law school, graduating in 1951. GILLIS brought to the 88th Congress more familiarity with the ways of the Hill than I did because he had been a staff counsel in both Chambers. I soon recognized his personal quality so valuable in a lawmaker—a wide ranging, inquiring mind combined with an even temperament and a talent for cultivating friendships.

He supported the Democratic leadership in his first term in enlarging the size of the Rules Committee, for which he paid a political price in his next election, but he returned again in 1972 and it was with much joy that we welcomed him back to the House. Shortly thereafter, GILLIS was assigned to the Rules Committee, where his leadership was soon recognized. That leadership was grounded in a masterly understanding of procedure, a keen appreciation for the concerns of his colleagues, and an intellectual curiosity that enabled him to track and guide negotiations of great complexity. He brought that curiosity to play in his role as a member of the Joint Economic Committee over the last 12 years, especially in regard to such subjects as Japan-United States trade, world energy supplies, and the institutional vehicles for global commerce.

His colleagues appreciated his qualities as was evidenced by his election as chairman of the Democratic caucus, where he proved himself to be both innovative and fairminded in matters both great and small.

On behalf of my wife and myself, I offer sincerest condolences to our dear friend, his beloved widow, Catherine, and their son and daughter. GILLIS LONG will be sorely missed, not only among his House colleagues, but by Senators also.

Mr. LONG. Mr. President, a few days ago, my family and I mourned the loss of my good friend and cousin, Representative GILLIS LONG, who served with distinction for eight terms as a Member of Congress from the Eighth District of Louisiana.

Those of us who knew him and worked beside him will always remember GILLIS as a tireless champion of the everyday American, a man whose life was dedicated to creating a better world for those he represented. His dedication to the poor and underprivileged many times led his critics to unfairly label him a Liberal. But we knew that GILLIS would never allow any label—Conservative or Liberal—to influence the way he thought or acted. GILLIS did not wear those labels. He concerned himself more with helping people around him, than worrying about whether he would be called a Liberal because he had compassion in his heart.

His relatives and friends will always remember GILLIS, not because he was an outstanding legislator or because he achieved fame and influence outside his hometown. GILLIS' memory will be cherished by all of us because he left the world around him a better place as a result of his devotion to an ideal.

Recently, there appeared in the Washington Post a thoughtful article by Mark Shields discussing the motives and philosophy of GILLIS LONG. I commend it to the Congress:

FROM THE WASHINGTON (DC) POST

(By Mark Shields)

A talented politician and one of the House's ablest legislators was how the authoritative "Almanac of American Politics" described Representative GILLIS LONG, the Louisiana Democrat, who died this week at 61.

First elected to the House in 1962, LONG lost his seat 2 years later after being accused by his conservative opponent of helping pass the Civil Rights Act by having voted, at the request of the Kennedy White House, to enlarge the House Rules Committee. Ten years passed before GILLIS LONG returned to Congress where he served so ably.

To its own disservice and eventual regret, LONG's party in recent years chose to ignore his wise counsel that it was necessary for Democrats to demonstrate their "compassion to care, but also the toughness to govern." During and between recent campaigns, a lot of Democrats have seemed to emphasize compassion while simultaneously disdaining toughness.

One result of that decision will be that as of January 20, 1989, the Republicans will have held the Presidency for 16 of the last 20 years. As GILLIS LONG understood, American voters prefer their political leaders competent as well as compassionate.

Throughout the most recent Presidential campaign, Democratic optimists were invariably encouraged by the public opinion surveys, which almost uniformly showed the electorate's judgment that the Democratic candidate was more concerned with their personal well-being than was the Republican incumbent. One Washington Post/ABC News survey indicated that, by nearly a 2-to-1 margin, voters judged that Ronald Reagan sided "with special interests" rather than "with the average person." In the same survey, voters by a margin of 3 to 2 saw Walter Mondale on the side of "the average person."

In poll after poll, voters said that Democrat Mondale did "care more" about people like themselves, more about the elderly, more about the less fortunate, and more about an arms limitation agreement with the Soviets. And, yes, said these very same voters, they were going to vote for Ronald Reagan, something they did do in record numbers.

But as political philosopher Alan Baron explains and GILLIS LONG understood, the logic of the voters is compelling. Consider Baron's analogy: In 1 hour, you are about to have 20 guests for an important dinner at your home. Your water pipe bursts. You have to make an immediate phone call. Now, who "cares more" about your about-to-be-ruined dinner and your predicament—your dear mom or your local plumber? And who knows more about the theory of water pressure—the chairman of the local university's engineering department or the local plumber? Who has more personal charisma—Robert Redford or the plumber?

Whom do you call? You call the person with demonstrated competence, even if he does not care as much about your personal happiness and emotional well-being.

In a number of recent national elections, voters have understood that the Democrats have been more genuinely concerned with their happiness and more genuinely compassionate about the less fortunate than their opponents. But the opponents seemed to be much more likely to be able to fix the busted pipes before the evening was ruined, or worse.

Caring is a large help in winning congressional races. Americans are compassionate people, and they appreciate that quality in their elected representatives. But in their Presidents, in addition to that compassion, the voters want, as GILLIS LONG told his fellow Democrats, "the toughness to govern" as well?

Mr. JOHNSTON. Mr. President, for those of us who belong to it, Democrats and Republicans alike, the Louisiana congressional delegation is a lot like a family. We work closely together, largely from the sense that, as a State, Louisiana is relatively so small, so diverse, so different that we cannot rely on

anyone else to understand our unique situation. That is why we feel the loss of our friend and colleague GILLIS LONG so poignantly.

GILLIS' district may have been the most diverse and different of all. To its service, he devoted 13 years of hard work and political acumen. His reward was his position in the House and Democratic Party leadership, a position which he used, not for partisan purposes, not to aggrandize himself, but to advance his very sensible ideas about the way in which the American people should govern themselves. He believed in moderation in all things, and he believed in looking at new ideas and new trends. Under his leadership, the members of the House Democratic caucus submerged their differences and produced a series of working papers on the future of the party and the Nation. Many of the papers were notable contributions to the art and science of government; all were testimonials to the power that GILLIS had to get people to do what he believed they ought to do. They did it because they genuinely liked him, and they respected him for his intelligence, his decency, his compassion for those less fortunate and his capacity for hard work.

Because we were his friends, we hoped in recent years that GILLIS could find some way to work a little less and still satisfy his conscience. It was not possible: GILLIS could not find it in his heart to give less than 200 percent to his constituents, his family, and his country. The authors of "The Book of America," a survey of the politics of the 50 States, are not overly impressed by most politicians, so their approval of GILLIS is the ultimate accolade. He served, they said, with unusual distinction in the House of Representatives. We, his colleagues, think so too.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, last week Congress lost one of its finest and most loved Members. Throughout his 14 years as a Representative, GILLIS LONG served his State of Louisiana and his country with a sense of dedication and conscience that made him one of the truly effective legislators in our national assembly. I knew GILLIS as a friend and held for him the utmost respect as a Congressman. I know I speak for my colleagues in the Senate and the House when I say we mourn his passing and will miss him dearly.

GILLIS LONG had a well-deserved reputation for being a master of consensus building and legislative procedure. He was one of the relatively few who really knew how to make the wheels of Government work. From his post on the House Rules Committee, there was scarcely any bill or piece of major legislation he didn't help shape or guide over the legislative shoals.

GILLIS was an insider's insider in Congress, but he never took his eyes off of the need to keep the Democratic Party unified and in touch with the needs of the American people. He left one of his biggest marks as chairman of the House Democratic caucus for the 97th and 98th Congresses, a job that tested his skills as a consensus builder to the fullest. He helped hold the House Democratic delegation together through the trying times of 1981–82 when it seemed the "Boll Weevils" and more liberal Democrats might permanently part ways.

GILLIS used the caucus chairmanship as a platform from which to explore new policy directions for the party. He appointed the task force whose work culminated in September 1982 with the joint release, along with Congressman Tim Wirth, of the report, "Rebuilding the Road to Opportunity," espousing the belief that we Democrats had to move beyond the New Deal and start emphasizing new economic productivity rather than just redistribution of wealth. He was also a member of the Congressional Joint Economic Committee, where he developed an expertise in and pushed the study of such crucial issues as the international trade competition and world energy supplies.

One of the things, however, for which I admired and respected GILLIS the most was his steadfast stand as a supporter of civil rights legislation, a stand that cost his seat in 1962 when support for civil rights wasn't always a popular thing to do. But GILLIS was a man of conscience, and by 1972 his district had come around to his way of thinking. Our National Congress was so much the richer for his presence.

We wish his wife, Cathy, well in this time of sorrow. We'll miss you, GILLIS, but you'll always be with us in memory.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, the Congress lost one of its ablest and best respected leaders and the people of the Eight Congressional District of Louisiana were deprived of a caring

and dedicated representative when GILLIS LONG died last month. I had the honor of serving with GILLIS LONG on the House Rules Committee for 6 years. I valued his example, his leadership, and, most of all, his friendship, and I wish to take a moment here on the floor of the Senate to honor his memory.

One of the most telling qualities of truly great men is that they resist being fit into convenient categories. GILLIS LONG was a southerner who worked for civil rights, a Liberal who initiated landmark business legislation, a pragmatic visionary, a successful hands-on politican who never lost touch with the day-to-day concerns of his constituents or sight of the long range needs of his party or his country.

In others, those traits may have seemed contradictory or aroused suspicion. GILLIS LONG's genius was to mold them into a perfectly natural synthesis that won the high regard of all who came into contact with him. If any single label must be used to describe him, it is an old and honorable one: public servant.

To his wife, Cathy and his children and family, I wish to extend my deep sympathy. All of us who worked with him share your sense of loss and will always remember our good fortune that GILLIS LONG's life touched our own.

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